

▶ **CARL ANGUS DESANTIS FOUNDATION PROVIDES \$750,000 GRANT FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE**



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The Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine received a \$750,000 grant from the Carl Angus DeSantis Foundation to establish best practices for Alzheimer’s care and research. Committed to improving human health, the DeSantis Foundation aims to enhance awareness, caregiver support, early diagnosis, treatment, and research to revolutionize neurodegenerative disease care.

“This grant awarded to Florida Atlantic will help to propel research, patient care and community outreach for Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias, and continues Carl DeSantis’ incredible legacy of generosity and caring for others,” said Jeff Perlman, director of the Carl Angus DeSantis Foundation and executive vice president of CDS International Holdings, Inc. “Patients and their caregivers often encounter many challenges navigating this complex, chronic and costly disease. Florida Atlantic’s innovative approach will take managing neurodegenerative disorders to new heights.”

Florida Atlantic aims to meet community healthcare needs through collaborative education, research integration, and interprofessional practice. Accordingly, grant funds will help ensure patients and families receive multidisciplinary care and

resources. As part of this commitment, a nurse navigator, outreach coordinator and data scientist were onboarded to coordinate patient care and patient surveys. In addition, two endowed faculty positions—a clinical neurologist and a biomedical engineer—will be appointed to advance the study of neurodegenerative disorders.

The Clinical Neurosciences Department, also supported by the DeSantis grant, collaborates with Florida Atlantic’s Center for Brain Health and The Marcus Institute of Integrative Health. The primary focus is on precision medicine and evidence-based clinical services for Alzheimer’s disease care.

Carl DeSantis, the foundation’s founder, is recognized for his entrepreneurial impact in health, nutrition, and various industries, reflecting his legacy of generosity and care. This newest grant from his foundation propels Florida Atlantic’s efforts toward addressing Alzheimer’s disease to benefit millions worldwide.