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Breakthrough Alzheimer’s drug opens “new era” of treatment

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Promising results from a drug trial have been hailed a “momentous” milestone in [Alzheimer’s](#) research.

[Lecanemab](#) reportedly has the potential to slow development of the disease by nearly 30% over the course of 18 months, as well as reducing patient’s memory loss.

This is the first drug to show evidence of slowing the progression of Alzheimer’s. [Experts](#) have celebrated the results, looking at it as the first indication that the disease can be treated.

The third phase of the clinical trial has been initiated, giving those affected some hope.

Nicole’s gran, Rena, passed away from Alzheimer’s in 2017.

“Because I lost my gran to Alzheimer’s, I know how it would feel for families for this drug to be accessible.

“It would really improve the person’s quality of [life](#). The deterioration causes families to grieve before they’ve lost the person.”

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