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Introduction

On July 27, 2026, our Hydro Pensioners Association of Ontario · Toronto District held our seventh Zoom talk of the year. Our returning guest speaker is Dr Sharon Cohen, Neurologist and Medical Director at the [Toronto Memory Program](#).

Dr Cohen provided an update on recent advances in Alzheimer's disease treatment since 2024. She discussed the approval and availability of new disease-slowing drugs, Lecanumab and Denanumab, in Canada, highlighting their mechanisms, eligibility criteria, and impact on the healthcare system. Dr. Cohen explained the importance of early diagnosis using biomarkers, including new blood tests, and the growing network of infusion centers and MRI facilities. She also outlined the promising drug development pipeline, including next-generation anti-amyloid antibodies and treatments targeting tau and inflammation.

These emerging treatments are exciting because they focus on alleviating the damage the disease causes, as opposed to simply temporarily alleviating the symptoms.

The presentation included a Q&A session where Dr. Cohen addressed questions about eligibility for the new drugs, co-existing conditions, and access to memory clinics. Justine assisted with the chat and provided contact information for further inquiries.

Resources Available

1. The Slide Deck is posted at our website *Event Info* > [Zoom Follow Ups 2026](#) page.
2. This Quick Summary including the chat is also at our *Event Info* > [Zoom Follow Ups 2026](#) page.
3. A recording of the presentation is posted at our YouTube channel [@HydroPensionersToronto](#), or click the link:
<https://www.youtube.com/@HydroPensionersToronto>.
4. The 2024 Intro Presentation Quick Summary and Slide Deck is at our website *Event Info* > [Zoom Meetings Follow-Up 2024](#) page.

Many Bell and Rogers television subscribers can watch the presentation from their television by giving the following voice command to their remote control: “Hydro Pensioners Toronto on YouTube”.

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Chat Transcript

2026-07-27 11:03:31 From Nurdin Premji to Everyone:

Feel free to ask questions here in chat, they will be answered at the end of the presentation.

2026-07-27 11:17:02 From Khush Bagli to Everyone:

The New Era AD treatment drugs - are they intravenous infusion only? Will pills or oral doses be available in the near future? How much and how frequent is the dose? Thanks.

2026-07-27 11:19:43 From Khush Bagli to Everyone:

Your slide has just answered my question about dose and frequency. Please ignore. Thanks.

2026-07-27 11:34:10 From Khush Bagli to Everyone:

Is there any ongoing research on targeted radioisotope treatment or targeted ultrasound wave therapy?

2026-07-27 11:40:46 From Gary Z to Everyone:

Are memory quizzes useful for diagnosis?

2026-07-27 11:41:46 From Justine Nikolopoulos to Everyone:

416-386-9606 research@memorydisorders.ca

2026-07-27 11:43:54 From Gary Z to Everyone:

Is there adequate supply of the new drugs?

2026-07-27 11:55:21 From Khush Bagli to Everyone:

A suggestion to Nazma Premji -HPAO - If and when you forward the slides of this presentation can you please also attach the link to the earlier presentation. Thanks.

2026-07-27 11:58:28 From iPad kay to Everyone:

Thank you for taking me in. Great presentation.

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- Reasons to Join a Clinical Trial:
 - o Access to specialized tests; Access to cutting edge treatments; Access to experts; close monitoring of one’s condition.
 - o The Toronto Memory Clinic conducts clinical trials.
- Justine Nikolopoulos, Dr Cohen’s colleague at from the Toronto Memory Clinic on the Zoom call, has authorized us to distribute this message to our members:

Thank you for attending Dr. Sharon Cohen's presentation on behalf of Toronto Memory Program. We appreciate your participation and hope you found the information valuable.

We would like to offer your members access to our free services, which include:

- *Free Memory Testing: Available at our clinic in North York or virtually.*
- *Genetic Cheek Swab for Alzheimer's Disease (ApoE)*
- *Alzheimer's Disease Research Opportunities: We have various research studies available.*

If you or your members are interested in any of these services, please do not hesitate to reach out to Justine at justine.nikolopoulos@memorydisorders.ca or call 416-386-9761 ext. 364.

Acknowledgements

Producing this event was again very much a Team Effort. Thanks to:

- Nazma Premji for initiating the idea for this event, arranging our speaker, and tabulating the registrations.
- Nurdin Premji for providing tech support.
- Our Guest Speakers: Dr Sharon Cohen and Justin Nikolopoulos of the Toronto Memory Clinic, for returning to inform us of new updates in the treatment of Alzheimer’s.