

Heather M. Snyder

Heather M. Snyder, Ph.D. is vice president, Medical and Scientific Relations, at the Alzheimer's Association. In this role, she oversees Association initiatives that accelerate innovative Alzheimer's and dementia research and provide opportunities for the global dementia community to connect and collaborate. Dr. Snyder leads the Association's funding programs including the International Research Grant Program and strategic funding opportunities that accelerate promising investigations into our understanding of Alzheimer's and dementia. As the world's largest nonprofit funder of Alzheimer's research, the Association is currently investing more than \$310 million in over 950 active best-of-field projects in 48 countries. Dr. Snyder provides leadership on several of the Association's cutting-edge scientific initiatives. To increase knowledge of prevention and risk reduction, she serves on the executive team for the U.S. Study to Protect Brain Health Through Lifestyle Intervention to Reduce Risk (U.S. POINTER). Dr. Snyder works with other global leaders on the Association's International Cohort Study of Chronic Neurological Sequelae of SARS-CoV-2 to better understand the impact of COVID on the brain, including factors that may contribute to Alzheimer's and other dementia. She holds a Ph.D. in molecular biology from Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine and a bachelor's degree in biology and religious studies from the University of Virginia.

