

# U.S. POINTER Results Show That Healthy Behaviors Have a Powerful Impact on Brain Health

This two-year clinical trial found that simultaneously targeting risk factors for cognitive decline – including regular physical activity, a brain-healthy diet, cognitive and social engagement and health monitoring – can improve brain function in older adults. While the cognitive health of all participants in U.S. POINTER improved, the group\* that followed a more structured program improved even more, helping to protect thinking and memory from the normal decline that often comes with aging over the two-year period of the study. These results provide powerful, actionable guidance for promoting brain health in aging populations.

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### PHYSICAL EXERCISE

30–35 minutes of moderate-to-intense aerobic activity four times a week, plus strength and flexibility exercises twice a week.

## COGNITIVE EXERCISE

Computer-based brain training program three times a week for 30 minutes, plus regular engagement in other intellectually challenging and social activities.



#### HEALTH MONITORING

Regular check-ins on blood pressure, weight and lab results.

### **NUTRITION**

Adherence to the MIND diet, which emphasizes dark leafy greens, berries, nuts, whole grains, olive oil and fish, and limits sugar and unhealthy fats.

\*Participants followed either a self-guided or structured lifestyle program. The two interventions both focused on the same lifestyle domains, but differed in structure, accountability and support provided.