

# Hellenic Longitudinal Investigation of Aging and Diet

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## Cohort Acronym

HELIAD

## Cohort type

General population-based cohort

## Disease

Alzheimer's disease, Dementia (unclassified), Mild cognitive impairment (MCI), Parkinson's disease, Subjective memory complaints (SMC) or subjective cognitive decline (SCD)

## Participant type

No diagnosis

## Profile

Recruitment Period 2011

Sample size at start or planned sample size if still recruiting 2500

Estimated Current Sample Size 0 to 4,999

Age at Recruitment >65

Gender Male and Female

Abstract

The HELIAD is a population-based, multidisciplinary, collaborative study designed to estimate the prevalence and incidence of AD, other dementias, mild cognitive impairment, and other neuropsychiatric conditions of aging in the Greek population and to investigate associations between nutrition and cognitive dysfunction/age-related neuropsychiatric diseases in this Mediterranean population.

The participants in the HELIAD study were selected through random sampling from community-dwelling individuals over the age of 65 years in the cities of Larissa (located in the province of Thessaly in Central Greece and Marousi (located within the Athens Metropolitan area). The targeted sample of enrolled participants comprised approximately 2,500 individuals. No weighting or stratified sampling (according to age, gender, or education) was performed. Follow-ups with face-to-face interviews at ~3 year intervals.

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## Variables Collected

### **Brain related measures:**

Behaviour, Cognitive function, Mental health, Neurological

### **Functional rating:**

Individual physiological

### **Anthropometric:**

Blood pressure, Height, Waist circumference, Weight

### **Physical:**

Cardiovascular, Hearing and Vision, Reproductive

### **Biological samples:**

Blood

### **Genotyping:**

Gene screening

### **Brain imaging:**

N/A

### **Brain banking:**

Consent for brain donation

### **Lifestyle:**

Alcohol, Dietary habits, Physical activity, Smoking

### **Socio-economic:**

Education, Ethnic group, Family circumstances, Housing and accommodation, Income and finances, Informal support, Marital status, Occupation and employment

### **Health service utilisation:**

Formal health and social care service utilisation including private care