

# Two Disease-Modifying Therapies for Treating MCI and Mild AD Dementia Are FDA-Approved and One Is in Phase 3 Trials

Aducanumab FDA approved under the accelerated pathway in June 2021<sup>1</sup>

Lecanemab FDA approved under the accelerated pathway in January 2023<sup>2</sup>

Donanemab undergoing phase 3 clinical trials<sup>3</sup>

Anti-A $\beta$  antibodies and amyloid-related imaging abnormalities (ARIA):<sup>4</sup>

- Two types: ARIA-E (edema) and ARIA-H (hemosiderin deposition)
- Typically asymptomatic (74%)
- Symptoms: headaches, loss of coordination, dizziness, visual disturbances, nausea, seizures, disorientation, vomiting, fatigue

MCI, mild cognitive impairment.

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# ApoE4 Carriers Treated with Anti-Amyloid Antibodies Are at Increased Risk for Both ARIA-E and ARIA-H

	ARIA-E	ARIA-H
Pathophysiology	<p>ARIA-E may be associated with excessive neuroinflammation and saturation of perivascular clearance pathways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vasogenic edema</li><li>• Effusion</li></ul>	<p>ARIA-H may be related to vascular amyloid clearance with weakening and rupture of small blood vessels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Microhemorrhages</li><li>• Superficial siderosis</li></ul>
Risk factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Treatment initiation</li><li>• ApoE4 carriers</li><li>• Higher dose</li><li>• &gt;4 microhemorrhages on a baseline MRI</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Age</li><li>• Cerebrovascular disease</li><li>• ApoE4 carriers</li></ul>

# ARIA-E and ARIA-H Incidence in Anti-A $\beta$ Clinical Trials Indicates Much Higher Frequency of ARIA in ApoE4 Carriers

	<b>Aducanumab (10 mg/kg monthly)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Lecanemab (10 mg/kg every 2 weeks)<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Donanemab (1400 mg monthly)<sup>3</sup></b>
ARIA-E or ARIA-H	425 (41.3%)	193 (21.5%)	51 (38.9%)
ARIA-E	362 (35.2%)	113 (12.6%)	36 (27.5%)
ApoE noncarrier	72/355 (20.3%)	15/278 (5.4%)	4/35 (11.4%)
ApoE3E4	185/515 (35.9%)	52/479 (10.9%)	21/68 (30.9%)
ApoE4E4	105/159 (66.0%)	46/141 (32.6%)	11/25 (44.0%)
ARIA-H	348 (33.8%)	155 (17.3%)	40 (30.5%)
ApoE noncarrier	66/355 (18.6%)	33/278 (11.9%)	no data
ApoE3E4	282/674 (41.8%)	67/479 (14%)	no data
ApoE4E4	(combined)	55/141 (39%)	no data

# Guidelines for Anti-A $\beta$ Antibody Use

	<b>Aducanumab appropriate use<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Aducanumab prescribing information<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Lecanemab prescribing information<sup>3</sup></b>
ApoE genotype testing	Discuss with patient, along with risk	Not stated	Consider testing for ApoE4 status to inform the risk of developing ARIA
Amyloid status	Confirm the presence of amyloid beta pathology before initiating treatment	Confirm the presence of amyloid beta pathology before initiating treatment	Confirm the presence of amyloid beta pathology before initiating treatment

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