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The probability of suffering from dementia rises with age: 2.4 per cent among those 65 to 74; 11.1 per cent among those 75 to 84, and 34.5 per cent among those 85 or older.

By 2031 the annual net economic cost of dementia in Canada will rise to \$12 billion if there are no advances in prevention or treatment.

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