



2026 WDC China Summit: *Science into clinical practice*

Guangzhou, China

14–15 November 2026

In person

Agenda

This two-day Summit will bring together international and Chinese academic leaders in research, clinical practice, public health, and health system design to examine how advances in science can be translated into real-world clinical practice. The meeting focuses on the transition from scientific understanding to implementation — particularly around biomarkers, diagnostic criteria and guidelines, the timing and communication of diagnosis, lessons from early treatment experience, patient management, and the development of data-driven models of long-term support.

Event Summary

The 2026 WDC China Summit will focus on how scientific progress in dementia can be translated into day-to-day clinical practice. Over two days, participants will examine the shift toward earlier diagnosis, the development and alignment of clinical guidelines, and the roll-out of emerging disease-modifying treatments. The discussions will consider how evidence on biomarkers and diagnostic criteria can be applied in routine settings, how services are adapting as treatment pathways evolve, and what can be learned from early clinical experience.

The event will also look ahead to the growing importance of prevention and long-term support. As research on risk reduction strengthens and as individuals may live for extended periods with very early-stage or pre-symptomatic disease, health systems will need approaches that support ongoing monitoring, communication, and continuity of care. The programme will explore how data and digital tools can guide decisions over time, and what forms of service organisation are needed to sustain engagement across primary care, specialist settings, and community supports. The meeting will conclude by identifying the areas of collaboration required to move from scientific knowledge to practical implementation and improve the way dementia is understood, diagnosed, and managed in the years ahead.

