

Twenty-five years of mild cognitive impairment



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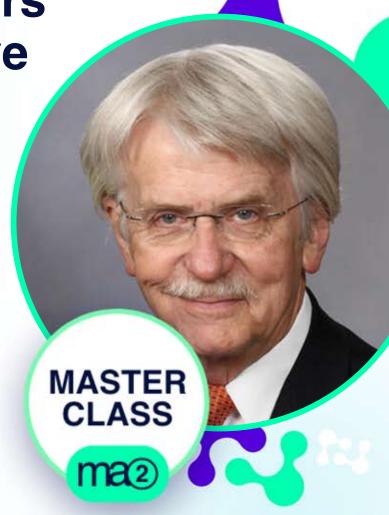
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The concept of mild cognitive impairment (MCI) was forged 25 years ago and extensively used over the last 25 years to refer to the state of cognitive function between that seen in normal aging and dementia. Although sometimes misused as an etiological diagnosis per se, delaying diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease or related disorders, the MCI concept greatly facilitated awareness of early cognitive decline among memory clinics and health care providers.

Twenty-five years later, as diagnostic criteria for prodromal neurocognitive disorders are available, and as the concepts of minor neurocognitive disorders and mild behavioral impairment appeared as new declinations of MCI, at the era of blood biomarkers and disease-modifying therapies begin, what are the state of knowledge and future of the MCI concept?











