Amyloid Plaques
- Accumulation of beta amyloid due to neuron cell incorrectly
- Toxic to neurons
- Genetic link; overproduction of amyloid has been linked, so amyloid plaques very common in inherited Alzheimers
- Drug treatments generally worse symptoms

Neurofibrillary Tangles
- Torsor of microtubules that make up neuron become tangled during breakdown caused by Tau protein
- Leads to cell death
- Tangles show up when stained

Which causes Alzheimers?
- Begin with an increase in amyloid, then an increase in tangles, causing neuron death
- Progression is caused by the spreading of tangles; Tau proteins affect more neurons by causing microtubule