



Our Research. Your Story.

Research is happening at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) that is focused on learning about the cognitive abilities, personality, and other traits of people who have more than one blood relative affected with Frontotemporal Degeneration (FTD), Alzheimer's disease, and related disorders.

You Can Contribute to the Cause

Diagnosis of FTD is often challenging and current treatment options are limited. We hope that the scientific research we are conducting at MGH will change that for future generations.

We are seeking people who have more than one blood relative with a diagnosis of FTD (including behavioral variant FTD, also known as Pick's disease; or Primary Progressive Aphasia), Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), Corticobasal Degeneration (CBD), Parkinson's, Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP), Alzheimer's disease, or a related disorder, to participate in our research.

By learning about you and your family, we hope the knowledge gained from this work will help researchers and doctors to learn if there are certain cognitive or behavioral traits that can help predict the development of these disorders.

Your Commitment Matters

Research visits take about two to four hours and can happen in one day or be spread out over two visits. The visit takes place in the MGH research facility in the Charlestown Navy Yard. Follow-up visits will be scheduled on an annual basis. As a research participant your visit would include:

- Appointment with a neurologist
- Paper and pencil testing of memory, attention, and language
- Questionnaires and an interview with you and a person who knows you well
- Donation of blood and an optional skin sample
- MRI scan of your brain

You Choose What You Learn

You do not have to learn anything about your test results by participating in research.

Our clinical research team respects that the decision to participate in research is an important one. We will honor the gift of your time and dedication to our research efforts by maintaining a responsive partnership. To individualize this experience, we will keep an open dialogue and provide feedback for your questions and concerns.

Call Us With Questions

For more information or to find out if you are eligible for this study, please contact:

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Study of Families at Risk for Frontotemporal Degeneration (FTD) or Related Disorders

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