BE A LINK: VOLUNTEER FOR RESEARCH

Memory Training Studies

Promoting adaptive neuroplasticity in mild cognitive impairment (Merit): Examining the benefits of two types of treatments for memory impairment – cognitive rehabilitation and electrical brain stimulation. Study is looking for adults with mild cognitive impairment over the age of 50. Contact Julia Laing at laingjul@med.umich.edu or 734-764-4709.

Neuroimaging and Biomarker Studies

Examination of the earliest symptoms and biomarkers of FTLD MAPT carriers: Investigating the earliest clinical features of frontotemporal dementia in an effort to improve early detection of the disease. Study is looking for adults age 18 and older with a family member who has frontotemporal dementia. Contact Stephen Campbell at stepcamp@med.umich.edu or 734-763-2361.

Lewy Body Dementia Biomarkers: Investigating new brain imaging approaches that investigators hope will identify protein accumulations in the brain of individual patients with PD-related dementia. This study is looking for adults age 55 and older with Parkinson’s disease dementia (PDD), Dementia with Lewy Bodies (DLB), or AD with at least one symptom of DLB. Contact Christine Minderovic at cmindero@med.umich.edu or 734-998-8420.

Risk Evaluation and Education of Alzheimer’s Disease – the Study of Communicating Amyloid Neuroimaging (REVEAL-SCAN): The purpose of this study is to learn about the best ways to communicate educational information about amyloid imaging brain scans and risk information about the chance of developing AD. Study is enrolling cognitively normal adults ages 65 to 80, have/had at least one first-degree relative (i.e., parent or siblings) with Alzheimer’s disease. Contact Lan Le at revealstudy@umich.edu or 734-615-2422. This study team sees participants in Ann Arbor and Detroit.

Lifestyle Intervention Studies

Adaptive Coping Engagement with Caregivers of Black Older Adults with Dementia (ACE Project): The ACE Project is investigating caregiver mental health, physical health, and social supports with the aim of developing culturally tailored programming. This study is seeking African American/ Black caregivers of persons with dementia or cognitive impairments to complete a survey. Contact Dr. Sheria Robinson-Lane at grices@med.umich.edu or 734-764-9280. This study team will meet participants in the home.

Alzheimer’s Disease Neuroimaging Initiative 3 (ADNI 3): The purpose of this observational study is to determine the relationships among clinical, cognitive, imaging, genetic, and biomarker characteristics of the entire spectrum of AD as it progresses from a preclinical stage to very mild symptoms to mild cognitive impairment (MCI) to dementia. Study is looking for adults age 55-90 with normal cognition, MCI, or mild AD. Contact Lisa Zbizek-Nulph at lzbizek@med.umich.edu or 734-232-1199.

Alzheimer’s Prevention Trials (APT) Webstudy: The APT Webstudy is an online memory and thinking research tool aimed at accelerating enrollment into Alzheimer’s clinical trials by identifying and tracking individuals who may be at higher risk for developing Alzheimer’s. The study is looking for adults over age 50. Contact the study
Developing a Personalized System to Assist Aging Drivers: The goal of this study is to understand driving behavior and factors that might influence how older adults drive. The study is looking for adults age 65 or older with normal cognition, memory complaints, or MCI who have a valid driver’s license and have been actively driving at least three times a week for at least one year. Contact Courtney Goetz at 734-764-6169 or courtngo@med.umich.edu.

Enhancing Safe Mobility among Older Drivers: Investigating how older drivers might change their driving behavior over time and what influences any changes that might occur. Study is looking for both healthy adults and those with MCI age 65 or older. Contact Jennifer Zakrajsek at jzak@umich.edu or 734-615-4740.

Internet-Based Conversational Engagement Clinical Trial (I-CONECT): Investigating potential benefits of social engagement in healthy older adults, using regular phone or video chat conversations to improve health and well-being. Study is looking for healthy adults over the age of 80 who live alone in the Detroit metropolitan area. Contact the study team at I-CONECT_UM@ohsu.edu or 734-647-2676. This study involves phone and video chat visits in the home.

Mind ‘n MOTION: Investigating the use of Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction and multifactorial balance control training as a method for reducing fall risk. Study is looking for adults with mild cognitive impairment age 55 and older. Contact Laura Rice-Oeschger at lerice@med.umich.edu or 734-936-8332.

STYLE – Characterizing Dementia Caregiving Styles: This study is investigating how caregivers manage care and the impact of that care on the caregivers’ mental and physiological health, as well as health services use. The study is looking for primary caregivers of family members or friends with a diagnosis of dementia to participate. Contact Brianna Broderick at bribrode@med.umich.edu or 734-232-0397.

Subjective Cognitive Impairment – A Sign of Incipient Alzheimer’s Disease? Longitudinal study investigating functional and structural brain changes in healthy older adults with and without cognitive complaints. Study is looking for adults age 60 or older with worrisome memory complaints or a diagnosis of mild cognitive impairment (MCI). Contact the Wayne State University Connect Lab at connectlab@wayne.edu or 313-664-2670. This study team is recruiting for visits at Wayne State University in Detroit.

Tele-Savvy: An Online Psychoeducation Program for Dementia Family Caregivers: The purpose of this study is to test the psychoeducational program “Tele-Savvy”, which is an internet-based group education program developed from an in-person program called Savvy Caregiver. Study is looking for informal caregivers (family/friends) of persons living with Alzheimer’s disease or another dementia over the age of 18. Contact Natasha Spoden at spoden@ohsu.edu or 503-494-6370. This study occurs via phone and computer (computer or mobile device with internet is necessary).

University of Michigan Memory and Aging Project (UM-MAP): Investigating changes in cognitive functioning over time to learn more about normal aging and neurodegenerative diseases. Study is looking for adults with or without cognitive changes over the age of 55. Contact Holly Bunker at hlbunker@med.umich.edu or 734-615-5319. This study team sees participants in Ann Arbor and Detroit.