

BE A LINK: VOLUNTEER FOR RESEARCH

Treatment Studies

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.

Medication Studies

PRESENCE: Evaluating the safety and efficacy of LY3154207 (positive allosteric modulator of the D1 receptor) on cognition in patients with mild-moderate PDD. Study is looking for adults with Parkinson's disease and dementia age 40-85, with well-controlled blood pressure and a reliable caregiver who is able to be present for certain visits. Contact Braden DeWeese at deweeseb@med.umich.edu or 734-615-5495 for more information.

T2 Protect: Evaluating the safety and efficacy of BHV-4157 in Patients with Mild to Moderate Alzheimer's Disease. Study is looking for participants ages 50-85 with a reliable and available study partner to attend study visits. Eligible participants should be receiving a stable dose of FDA-approved AD medication(s) for at least 3 months prior to screening. Contact Courtney Graft at ccgraft@med.umich.edu or (734) 763-2211.

Observational Studies



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.

Lifestyle Intervention Studies

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.

Decision Making for Cardiovascular Therapy in Adults with Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI DeM): The goal of this study is to better understand how to improve the way we care for older adults with acute illness, like heart attack or stroke, and how cognitive impairment or memory difficulties may affect people's preferences for medical treatment. Study is looking for adults with normal cognition or mild cognitive impairment age 65 or older. Contact Theresa Gierzynski at gierzyns@med.umich.edu or 734-764-4416. This study team sees participants in Ann Arbor and Detroit.

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 Mussa Ibrahim at myibrah@med.umich.edu or 734-936-9277.

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-CONNECT): 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 75 who live alone in the Detroit metropolitan area. Contact the study team at I-CONNECT_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 leric@med.umich.edu or 734-936-8332.

Neuroimaging and Biomarker Studies

Brain Relationships Among Information, Neuroprocessing, and Self-Management (BRAINS): This study is looking at factors related to health information behavior, brain activity, and self-management in African American women. The study is looking for African American women 21-64 years of age diagnosed with hypertension and diabetes (or with elevated blood sugar levels). Contact Lenette Jones at lenettew@umich.edu or 734-763-1371.

Examination of the earliest symptoms and biomarkers of FTL DMAPT 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 PDD, DLB, or AD with at least one symptom of DLB. Contact Jackie Dobson at jdobs@med.umich.edu or 734-998-8400.

Ocular Imaging in Dementia: The purpose of this study is to determine if imaging of the eye can be used to provide investigators new information about diagnosing AD and FTD as well as monitoring the progression of these diseases. This study is recruiting adults age 45 – 80 who are cognitively normal or have been diagnosed with either AD or FTD. This study will take place at the University of Michigan Kellogg Eye Center and University Hospital in Ann Arbor. Contact Dr. Omar Moinuddin, MD at omoinuidd@med.umich.edu or 734-615-8052.

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 the study team at revealstudy@umich.edu or 734-763-2881. This study team sees participants in Ann Arbor and Detroit.

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 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.

Caregiver 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.

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.

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).