

Core Center Research Study

Goals

- Enroll individuals who have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder
- Enroll older healthy individuals without memory or other cognitive problems
- Identify a study partner who will be able to provide additional information about the participant
- Obtain information from participants that will support research studies of aging and memory in the larger NU community and the nation
- Understand needs of diagnosed individuals and their families
- Provide counseling, education, and referrals to community services as needed
- Encourage commitment to our brain donation program

Participants May Receive

- Participants receive annual evaluations of memory and other cognitive functions
- We will provide participants with information on the latest treatments and preventions of memory loss
- Participants will also receive our quarterly newsletter and other educational materials relevant to preserving memory health
- Social work advice is available to inform participants about community resources
- No cost for participation



Initial Research Visit Include

The enrollment visit takes approximately 2 hours. During this time:

- Demographic information and medical history is gathered from participants and their study partners
- Paper and pencil tests are given to evaluate memory and thinking skills
- A social worker meets with family members and/or care partners
- A blood sample is taken to test for genetic markers
- Participants are informed of our brain donation program

Annual Return Visits Include

The annual return visits take approximately 90 minutes. During this time:

- Information about the previous year is gathered from participants and their family members and/or care partners
- Paper and pencil tests are given to evaluate memory and thinking skills

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