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
• 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 Visits Include

The enrollment visit takes approximately 2 hours. During this time:
• Demographic information and medical history is gathered from participants and their family members
• Paper and pencil tests are given to evaluate memory and thinking skills
• A social worker meets with family members
• 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
• Paper and pencil tests are given to evaluate memory and thinking skills

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