

BioFIND

Fox Investigation for New Discovery of PD Biomarkers

Are you someone without Parkinson's disease who is willing to participate in a PD study?

If so, you may be eligible for a biomarkers study that will help us learn more about Parkinson's disease.

STUDY DETAILS:

- **What is the goal of this study?** To identify one or more biomarkers of Parkinson's disease. The discovery of a biomarker is critical to the development of new and improved treatments for Parkinson's disease, particularly treatments that could slow or stop the progression of the disease, something not currently available. This study aims to identify new biomarker candidates.
- **What is a biomarker?** A biomarker is a substance or characteristic in our bodies that is associated with the presence of disease, or that changes over time in a way that can be linked to the progression of disease.
- **What is an observational study?** An observational study means that study participants will undergo numerous tests and assessments of bodily processes related to Parkinson's disease, but will not receive an experimental drug or treatment.
- **Who qualifies for the study?** Individuals who are between 55 and 93 years of age are eligible to participate if they do not have a first degree blood relative (parent, child or sibling) with PD.
- **Why is this study looking for people who don't have PD?** Data and samples collected from people with Parkinson's can be analyzed and fully understood only when compared to the same data and samples collected from people who do not have PD. Researchers in this study will compare this information between people with and without disease to determine whether differences suggest a reliable biomarker for PD.
- **What is involved if I participate?** Volunteers for this study will visit the site twice in a two week period. At the first visit, individuals will have several clinical assessments and take written surveys. The second visit will include a smaller number of clinical tests, as well as sample collection, including a blood draw and a lumbar puncture.
- **Will I be compensated for participation?** Participants will receive study procedures at no charge, will receive a stipend to cover travel expenses, and will also receive education and support during the study.

**If you are interested in participating or want to learn more,
please contact Ray James, BS, RN, 617-638-7745**

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