

Parkinson's research

Parkinson's Victoria strongly supports and encourages evidence-based research in the community.

Research aids in learning more about the mysteries of Parkinson's and the way it impacts upon all aspects of life. Research also assists in developing new treatments – and, we anticipate, will result in a cure being discovered.

Parkinson's Victoria plays a very important role in funding and supporting research into Parkinson's. Our funded research seeks not only to find a cure for the condition, but also supports programs and studies with a view to assisting people to *live* with Parkinson's, enhancing quality of life and independence.

Through donations and bequests supporters can help fund valuable research projects. In addition, the Parkinson's and wider community can play a vital role directly supporting research by participating in various studies.

Research into Parkinson's is ongoing and there are a number of projects currently taking place throughout Australia and internationally, varying in their scope, area of interest and level of participant involvement.

Participating in Parkinson's research is a unique way to assist further understanding of this neurological condition, and ultimately to improve the quality of life for those who are living with Parkinson's, perhaps even assisting to find a cure.

People with Parkinson's **and** people without Parkinson's can participate in Parkinson's-related research projects.

Do you want to become involved in Parkinson's research?

Your neurologist may discuss research studies with you or you may read about them in **Signpost**, the Parkinson's Victoria newsletter, or on the Parkinson's Victoria website. Research opportunities include diagnostic, new therapies and quality of life studies.

Comprehensive documents are available for you to read if you are considering research participation and will explain exactly what is involved. Our health team is also able to assist with information and advice.

One of the best ways to become involved in research is to register with the Parkinson's Victoria Research Registry.



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The Research Registry is an exciting, collaborative project between the Florey Neuroscience Institutes and Parkinson's Victoria. The purpose of the registry is to establish a comprehensive database of people with Parkinson's who have been clinically assessed and who are willing to participate in research.

The registry and participating volunteers will be a vital source of information to improve understanding of the condition and will play an important role in improving treatments.

If you would like to find out more about the Parkinson's Victoria Research Registry, contact Parkinson's Victoria: (03) 9551 1122.