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in Parkinson’s disease research for the Black and African American community

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Black and African American Connections to Parkinson's Disease (BLAAC PD)
A Project of the Global Parkinson's Genetics Program (GP2)

Partner to learn more about what causes disease in your community so we can stop it.

You can join if you:

18+
Are age 18 or older

Identify as Black or African American

Have Parkinson's disease or do not have Parkinson's disease
BLAAC PD is a research study. It collects information on health, disease and genes to learn more about Parkinson’s disease. Genes are passed on from parents, and some gene changes may raise the risk of disease. Other studies have found connections between genes and Parkinson’s. That has led to new treatments in testing to fix the effects of gene changes. But those results have mostly come from studies with non-Black or African American volunteers.

Why You Should Join BLAAC PD

BLAAC PD is filling in those research gaps.
The study aims to learn more about gene changes that may cause Parkinson's in Black and African American people. This new data could lead to future Parkinson's tests and treatments for Black and African American people. And it may help better understand disease in other groups too.

GP2 is led by scientists at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The NIH is the U.S. government's medical research agency. The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research is also a partner.

BLAAC PD is happening at sites around the United States. And the study is part of GP2, a global research project that is working to transform understanding of Parkinson's genes across diverse populations.
Joining the Study

BLAAC PD needs people with and without Parkinson's disease.

There is no cost to you to join this study. All tests are paid for by the research team. Your health insurance will not be charged.

Joining a research study is your choice. The study team can talk with you more about what it means to join BLAAC PD.

Study Details:

- Attend only one visit
- Give either a blood or saliva sample
- You may also have a brief physical exam
- Answer questions about your health and family history
- You will not be given a study drug
- Give under one hour of your time
- We will compensate you for your participation
BLAAC PD and GP2 share their data with scientists to look for discoveries that could lead to new treatments.

After your visit, the research team will remove data that would identify you. This includes your name, contact information, and address. That identifying information is kept separate and secure.

Your blood or saliva sample will have a unique ID number. It will be studied for gene changes and securely stored.

Scientists can request to look at your de-identified data. They will compare it to data from other volunteers to look for clues about disease. These requests must be approved by the study team. The scientists must sign forms that say they will protect the privacy of the information.

We cannot guarantee there will be no loss of privacy. But we will do everything we can to prevent that.

Learning from BLAAC PD

BLAAC PD is not set up to return your gene results. There are some studies that may share back information on some genes related to Parkinson's disease. You can ask your BLAAC PD study team about those programs.

But there is one thing to know about current gene tests. The gene information shared in other Parkinson's studies is based on findings which involved non-Black or African American volunteers. We need research like BLAAC PD to add to our list of Parkinson's genes and lead to new tests.

BLAAC PD can share updates and results from the study overall. We will report back on new findings and the impact of your contribution.

GP2 follows practices to keep your identity private and your data secure.
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Speak with our study staff today for more information on how to get started!

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