Help us change the future of Alzheimer's disease ***together***.

Contact Us

Mailing Address:

University of Washington
Alzheimer's Disease Research Center
VAPSHCS, Mailstop S-116 6-East
1660 S. Columbian Way
Seattle, WA 98108

Located at the VA Medical Center on North Beacon Hill.

Informational Phone Line:

1.800.317.5382

1.206.764.2069

www.uwadrc.org

UW Alzheimer's Disease Research Center · University of Washington · Veterans Affairs Puget Sound Health Care System

Content is being used for illustrative purposes only and any person depicted in the content is a model.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON | ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESEARCH CENTER

CONCERNED ABOUT RESEARCH?

HONEST ANSWERS ABOUT RESEARCH ETHICS, PARTICIPATION, & CONCERNS.

So are we.

The University of Washington Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (ADRC) began in 1985. Our main goals in research are to find causes, effective treatments, and prevention strategies for Alzheimer's disease.

We know that Alzheimer's disease effects our **parents**, **grandparents**, **aunts** & **uncles**, **brothers** & **sisters**, **cousins**, and **friends**. We also know that Alzheimer's disease effects the community who cares for our loved ones. With our research we hope to improve patient care and functioning, and we hope to improve the quality of life for both patients and their caregivers.

Research **connects** the participation of the *individual* with the fate of the *community*.

OUR ETHICS

- HONESTY & OPENNESS
- QUALITY CARE
- EXPLANATION *of* INDIVIDUAL & COMMUNITY BENEFITS
- PATIENT EDUCATION
- FULL DISCLOSURE *of* RISK
- VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION
- COMPLETE CONFIDENTIALITY
- EASE *of* PARTICIPATION

That's why...

We need volunteers to join with us in learning how the silent epidemic of Alzheimer's disease uniquely effects African Americans. We must work together now so that we can discover solutions to Alzheimer's disease for our children and grandchildren. With your help we can ***give a voice*** to people with Alzheimer's disease within the African American community and work towards its prevention for future generations.

Common Questions:

Will I be a guinea pig?

No, you will be a human research participant, and there is a big difference! We will fully explain our research to you and we will not do anything that you do not approve. Participation in the ADRC registry does not require you to take any experimental medications. If you are interested in a clinical treatment trial, we would be happy to explain the benefits and risks of that research to you, and then you can further consider whether you want to participate.

What if I change my mind?

That's okay. At any point in your involvement with the ADRC you can change your mind and you won't lose any benefits. All of our research is voluntary, which means you don't have to do anything you don't feel comfortable doing. We want you to talk about your participation with your family and friends and to feel comfortable with the whole process.

Will there be any surprises?

We work hard to let you know exactly what you are getting into, from the beginning of your participation until the end. Before you come in for an appointment, we will send you forms that describe our research so that you can look over them prior to committing to an appointment. Then, before anything else is done at an appointment, we will explain what your involvement in the study will require and then let you decide if you want to take part.

What is informed consent?

Informed consent is a form of legal protection for people participating in research. The idea behind informed consent is that we want you to be informed and knowledgeable about whatever research procedures you are consenting to. When you sign a consent form you are not giving up your freedom, you are protecting yourself as a participant. You are free to stop your participation at any time.

What happens to my information and is it safe?

The information collected at your appointment will be turned into data that is "de-identified", which means your personal information cannot be linked to the research information that we collect. It will then be combined with data from other ADRCs around the country. Using this large amount of valuable information, researchers can ask questions about Alzheimer's disease and examine trends throughout the United States. We also keep your information completely private and only release it with your explicit permission. All of the information at our center is kept in locked cabinets that are in locked rooms, and it can only be accessed by research staff and doctors trained in privacy protection.