This study, “Parkinson’s Research: The Organized Genetic Initiative Cases and UnRelated Subjects”, also known as PROGENI CARES, is sponsored by The National Institutes of Health.

The goal of this research study is to enroll 500 people with PD as well as an additional 500 people who do not have PD.

For more information about the PROGENI CARES research study please call 1-888-830-6299 or e-mail PROGENI@iupui.edu

You can help us unravel the mysteries of Parkinson’s disease.
Who can participate in this study?
To be eligible to participate in this research project you must be diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease (PD). You must also be able to travel to the research site to complete a study visit.

What is the goal of this study?
This study seeks to identify the genes that increase or decrease the risk of PD. To accomplish this goal, clinical and genetic information from the person with PD will be compared with the same information collected from an individual without PD.

What else will we be asked to do as part of this study?
You will be asked to undergo a single Study Visit. There will be no cost to you for participating in the study. At this Study Visit, you will be asked to complete questionnaires regarding your medical history, places of residence, occupation, and other relevant questions. You will undergo a brief neurological examination, and a blood sample will be drawn for DNA evaluation. The visit will take one to two hours to complete.

What is DNA and how will it be used?
DNA is the genetic material that determines such things as hair color, eye color or other more complex traits. The DNA obtained from the blood sample you provide will be used to find genes that may increase or decrease the risk that a person will develop Parkinson’s disease. Since this is a research study, the results of any DNA testing will not be disclosed to you or your family.

Is there anything else I could do as part of the study?
Upon completion of the Study Visit, you will be eligible to take part in a voluntary autopsy program. This autopsy would be done to definitively diagnose PD for those individuals with symptoms of the disease. In addition, important information will be learned about the brain of the individual who does not have symptoms of PD. Costs associated with the autopsy will be paid by the study.

I want to participate.
What should I do?
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