About the Boston University Alzheimer’s Disease Center

We’re a community made up of researchers, research participants, and educators. We’re working together to reduce the human and economic costs of Alzheimer’s disease through the advancement of knowledge. The Boston University Alzheimer’s Disease Center was established in 1996 as one of 29 centers in the US funded by the National Institutes of Health to advance research on Alzheimer’s disease and related conditions. The Center is jointly based at the Boston University Medical Campus and Bedford VA Medical Center in Massachusetts. In 2008 the Center began researching Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE). With our interest in CTE we have been able to foster and support high-impact, innovative research on Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy and other long-term consequences of repetitive brain trauma in athletes and military personnel.

About our Main Registry of Research Participants

Health Outreach Program for the Elderly (HOPE)

HOPE is a resource to our community for people with and without memory concerns. Participants will attend an annual visit to assess their memory and cognitive functioning. Following their visit, participants will receive feedback as well as information on participating in additional programs if they are interested and able. HOPE allows participants to play a more active role in their own healthcare while simultaneously helping advance science.

Since little is known about Alzheimer’s disease in Black American families, a priority of this project is to enroll Black Americans. This research will help ensure Black Americans benefit from new developments in diagnosis and treatment.

You may be eligible to participate if you:

- Are 65 years of age or older without memory concerns or
- Are 50 years or older with memory concerns
- Have a caregiver or study partner who can accompany you to your annual study visit

Locations & Directions

Boston University Medical Campus
Boston University Alzheimer’s Disease Center
What happens during the study?

Participants will be asked questions about family and medical history, and will undergo some tests of memory and concentration. A physical and neurological exam will be performed as well. Participants will be asked to return yearly for a follow up visit. A caregiver or study partner, someone who knows the participant well, will be asked to accompany the participant at each yearly visit.

Brain Tissue Donation: Participants in the HOPE study are asked to consider donating brain tissue after death. Research using brain tissue helps scientists discover treatments for Alzheimer’s disease and other memory-related disorders. The results of the brain examination will be made available to your family.

Payment for your Help:

If you decide to participate there will be no cost to you! We will pay for your parking and will assist with transportation. We will also give you a $25-dollar visa gift card for your efforts!

If you’re interested in helping us make a difference please contact us!

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