

Race for early detection of Parkinson's disease

Have you recently been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease ?

If so, you may be eligible to participate in a study to identify markers of Parkinson's disease. You just need to play a short game on a computer to help us.

STUDY DETAILS:

- **What is the goal of this study?** To identify specific changes in automatic movement in people with Parkinson's disease. If we can do this it will help to develop a reliable diagnostic tool for Parkinson's disease.
- **Who qualifies for the study?** Individuals between 30 and 90 years old who are in the early stages of Parkinson's disease (diagnosed in the last 5 years) with a normal mental state.
Healthy volunteers are also very welcome to take part in the study.
- **What is involved if I participate?** Volunteers for this study will visit a research facility in **Dunedin** or **Christchurch**. We will ask you to come in and perform some brief computer game tasks, and then to repeat these 90 minutes later. If you are taking medication, we will ask you to delay taking any medication due at that time until after the first set of tasks. We will also ask you some standard questions about your medical history and examine your movement function.

If you are interested in participating or want to learn more,
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