

# information

## PARKINSON'S RESEARCH

Parkinson's Victoria strongly supports and encourages evidence based research in the community.

*Research aids in learning more about the mysteries of Parkinson's and the way it impacts upon all aspects of life. Research also assists in developing new treatments – and, we anticipate, will result in a cure being discovered.*

Parkinson's Victoria plays a very important role in funding and supporting research into Parkinson's. Our funded research seeks not only to find a cure for the condition, but also supports programs and studies with a view to assisting people to live with Parkinson's, enhancing quality of life and independence.

Through donations and bequests supporters can help fund valuable research projects. In addition, the Parkinson's and wider community can play a vital role directly supporting research by participating in various studies.

Research into Parkinson's is ongoing and there are a number of projects currently taking place throughout Australia and internationally, varying in their scope, area of interest and level of participant involvement.

Participating in Parkinson's research is a unique way to assist further understanding of this neurological condition, and ultimately to improve the quality of life for those who are living with Parkinson's, perhaps even assisting to find a cure.

People with Parkinson's and people without Parkinson's can participate in Parkinson's-related research projects.

## Do you want to become involved in Parkinson's research?

Research opportunities include diagnostic, new therapies and quality of life studies.

Comprehensive documents are available for you to read if you are considering research participation and will explain exactly what is involved. Our health team is also able to assist with information and advice.

One of the best ways to become involved in research is to register with the Australian Parkinson's Disease Registry (APDR).

The Australian Parkinson's Disease Registry (APDR) is an initiative to establish and maintain a database of people with Parkinson's disease (PD) in Australia. Established in 2008 as the Victorian Parkinson's Research Registry (VPRR), it has now expanded interstate to become the APDR. Through growth it continues to provide a powerful platform for PD research

The registry and participating volunteers will be a vital source of information to improve understanding of the condition and will play an important role in improving treatments.

If you would like to find out more about the Australian Parkinson's Disease Registry, contact Parkinson's Victoria on (03) 9581 8700 or the APDR Research Coordinator on (03) 9231 3190.

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