



The Benefits of Participating in Research

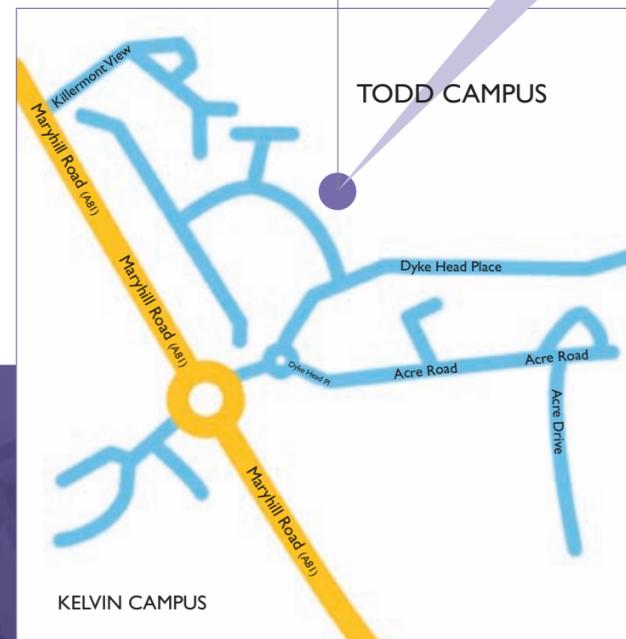
Some people will ask the doctor if they think they should take part. All that we are permitted to say as research doctors is that a person is suitable to take part. Many studies are placebo controlled in other words some people receive the active medication, others receive the placebo. Some people quite rightly question the point of taking part in a study that is placebo controlled. In this situation a question that is worth asking is:

Is it better to do something rather than nothing?

Taking part in research is entirely voluntary and it is up to you to decide if you wish to participate. It is now generally accepted that people who do come forward and participate in research have better overall outcomes.

Why do people who participate in research have better overall outcomes?

The reasons for this are thought to be the extensive tests, medical care and attention that people receive when taking part in a research programme. We have a dedicated team of research doctors and nurses and our experience is that taking part in research is a positive thing to do.



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Travel

Visits to the clinic occur at specified times and the visit schedule will be explained by the research team. We are aware that transport can be an issue for some. Please discuss your travel requirements with the research team who will be happy to help.

For those participating in a research study travel expenses can be reimbursed and if required taxis can be arranged to facilitate travel to the clinic.

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Introduction to Glasgow Memory Clinic



About Us

Glasgow Memory Clinic is at the forefront of the development of new treatments for Memory Impairment, Prodromal Alzheimer's Disease, Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia. We are one of the leading centres in Europe engaged in evaluating potential new medicines for these conditions.

The clinic Director Consultant Physician Dr Fraser Inglis FRCP (Glasg/Edin) jointly ran Scotland's first memory clinic service and went onto establish one of the NHS's first memory clinic services. The clinic was founded in 1999 at the Golden Jubilee Hospital in Clydebank, moved to the West of Scotland Science Park in 2006 and relocated to the Altum Building in 2009.

The clinic staff are health care professionals who have now dedicated their time to medical research. People from all over the West of Scotland and beyond attend the clinic to participate in the various research studies we are engaged in. Our aim is to help and support those who have a wide range of memory difficulties and to ensure the highest standards of care and attention for those participating in our research programs.

Our Research

Glasgow Memory Clinic is currently working on a new generation of treatments for Memory Impairment, Prodromal Alzheimer's Disease, Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia.



We are an independent medical research facility and are interested in identifying individuals suitable to take part in the various clinical trials running at the clinic.

We have studies for people with a wide range of memory problems, from those who have mild memory impairment, sometimes called mild cognitive impairment to those with more advanced memory impairment in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease.

Our Achievements

We are the only centre in Scotland that has conducted research on all of the currently licensed treatments for Alzheimer's disease. They are known as Aricept (donepezil), Exelon (Rivastigmine), Reminyl, (Galantamine) and Ebixa, (Memantine).



Vaccine Research

We are the only centre in Scotland with expertise in the field of Alzheimer's vaccine research and we started this work in 2007.

To enable us to decide if you might be suitable to take part in one of the studies running at the clinic you will undergo a series of assessments, your medical history and current medications will also be reviewed. If the doctor who sees you thinks that you might be suitable to take part in one of the studies we have running at the clinic this will be discussed. Information will be provided and you will have plenty of time to review this.



Screening for a Study

If you wish to proceed a screening appointment for the study will be arranged. Some people who are screened for a study are not suitable to go into the study and this can happen for a variety of reasons and if this was the case this will be discussed with you.

It is important to realise that even if you are not suitable to take part in the first study that you are screened for there may be other studies in the future that you could be suitable for and if this was the case new information would be provided and a new screening appointment subsequently arranged.

Taking part in research is entirely voluntary. There is no charge at all for attending the clinic or taking part in any of the studies that run here. Most of the studies that we run require a family member, carer or friend to attend the study visits with you.

The duration of the studies that we have varies from a few weeks to up to 24 months. The frequency of the visits for each study varies and it can range from coming to the centre every 2-6 weeks.



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