Thank you for taking the first step

So, again, thank you. You’ve already taken the important first step – letting us know you might be interested in being part of our work at the ADRC. Now we hope you will take the next step: joining a study that can help us find a cure.

Please contact me, and let’s talk more about your interest in being a research partner at the ADRC. Again, my phone number is (404)-712-0212 and my email address is jpo@emory.edu.

You can find information anytime at our website: www.alzheimers.emory.edu

I look forward to our conversation.

Sincerely,

Jessica Poe
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Understanding Research Participation

What You Need to Know
You’re interested in research, now what?

Thank you for expressing interest in taking part in the work at Emory University’s Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center (ADRC).

This is an exciting time for us, with many promising projects underway. Right now we are studying:

- Normal brain changes that happen with age.
- New medications and treatments for Alzheimer’s disease.
- Ways to spot brain changes before symptoms of memory loss appear.
- The relationship between different brain diseases.
- Genetic clues to all brain diseases.

What’s Next?

How can you get started? The first step is for us to have a conversation. You can reach me at (404)-712-0212 or via email at jpo@emory.edu. If you leave a voicemail, or if you email me, please let me know the best time for me to get back to you.

When we talk, my goal will be to help you choose a study that will be a good fit for who you are and for your interests. There are three main things that will happen during our call:

- I will ask you questions about yourself, your health, and your personal and family history.
- Before I do, I’ll discuss the questions, the process, and what ADRC will do with the information. I will not proceed with the questions until I am sure you understand and have a chance to ask questions. I will not gather or record any information unless I have your permission to do so.
- If you agree, we’ll have a 15-20 minute telephone screening.

After that, our researchers will look over your information and suggest one or more studies that fit well for you. Then we’ll contact you with more details, and, if you’re still interested, we’ll get you started in the study.

Ways To Get Involved

This important work depends on volunteers like you, and we want to help you to match with a study that is the very best fit for you. There are a lot of ways you can be involved:

- Some studies ask you to fill out a questionnaire once or multiple times.
- Some studies look more deeply at the body at work. They may need samples of blood, saliva, or spinal fluid.
- Some research looks at the brain itself, using machines that can create images of it.

We’re looking for all kinds of participants of different ages, races and ethnicities, family histories, and levels of brain function.