



## Why should my family participate in the Alzheimer's Disease Genetics Study?

*You may want to use this information to talk with your family about participating in the AD Genetics Study.*

- 1) It's easy.** Participants will be asked to give a blood sample, complete a telephone or in-person interview, give permission for their medical records to be reviewed, and have a medical exam with memory testing, if needed. You will not be participating in a study of experimental procedures or medications.
- 2) It's confidential.** Information about your genetics, family history, and medical records will be kept private and confidential. Blood samples and health information will be coded and will not be identified by name, date of birth, address, phone number, or social security number.
- 3) It's convenient.** Participants can live anywhere in the U.S. Participating family members don't have to live near each other. For those who don't live near a study site, researchers will arrange to collect medical records and blood samples. There is no cost to participants, and some expenses (such as parking or transportation) will be paid.
- 4) It's your gift to future generations.** If several people in your family have late-life AD, you may already wonder whether it will strike future generations. What's the risk of inheriting late-life AD? Can it be diagnosed early and treated or even prevented? These are the kinds of questions that researchers will use the genetic material from this study to try to answer.
- 5) It's a chance to speed up AD research.** The genetic information we collect from your family and others like it will help AD researchers across the country. The more information we can gather from as many families as possible, the more researchers have to work with to increase our understanding of this devastating disease and speed the discovery of a way to prevent it.
- 6) It's a way to learn more about AD.** You'll be able to talk with people who are involved in AD research. You'll receive regular updates about this and other ongoing studies. You'll be referred to support services for patients and families.

Thank you for your interest in this important study. To learn more about volunteering, call toll-free:

**1-800-526-2839**