

Volunteers Needed!



Does Schizophrenia Run in Your Family?

Research shows that in families with a history of schizophrenia, there is a strong genetic link associated with the disease. A genetic link means that it may be possible for medical science to find the gene or sequence of genes causing this debilitating disorder. This information could then be used to develop new treatments for managing symptoms and to hopefully one day find a cure.

The *VA Boston Healthcare System* has launched a study using the latest research technology in human DNA analysis to help determine the underlying genetic variables responsible for schizophrenia. To qualify for this study, there must be at least 3 available members of the extended family who are diagnosed with one of these disorders:

- **Schizophrenia**
- **Schizoaffective Disorder**
- **Schizotypal Personality Disorder**
- **Bipolar Disorder with Psychotic Features**

The study also seeks 3 “healthy” members of the family who are willing to participate. All family members must be at least 18 years old. The study involves a clinical interview and a blood draw. Participants who complete the study receive \$130. Study is not restricted to veterans, but is open to the general public.

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