

Research Studies in Parkinson's disease

Currently, the Movement Disorder Program is enrolling patients in two clinical trials, and are looking for volunteers to participate.

1) **_QE3_** This trial will evaluate whether the investigational drug Coenzyme Q10 is able to slow the progression of early PD. If you have been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease (PD) within the last 5 years, and do not yet require treatment with anti PD medications such as Levodopa (Sinemet or Prolopa) or dopamine agonists (such as Mirapex, Permax), you may be eligible to participate in this 16 month study.

2) **_NET PD LS-1_** This trial will evaluate whether the investigational drug Creatine is able to slow the progression of PD over time. If you have a diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease of less than 5 years, are taking either Levodopa (Sinemet or Prolopa) or dopamine agonists (such as Mirapex, Requip), for not longer than 2 years, you may be eligible to participate in this study.

If you would like to be involved in either of these studies or would like more information, please call Lorelei, Nurse Coordinator, at (403) 220-8413 or the Movement Disorders Program, at (403) 944-4364.

Both of these studies are funded through the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS).

Watch for more detailed information in the fall regarding results of previous trials and upcoming studies.

Once again, we would like to thank all of our patients who have participated in research studies for their valuable contribution, time and commitment. Without them we would not be able to develop new and improved treatments for PD patients or understand the effects of the disease on motor and cognitive function.