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Hello research supporter

At the beginning of each month we put together a roundup of all the latest research developments, events, opportunities and other news that we hope will be of interest to our research supporters.

## Research news

- Parkinson's enhances creativity - <http://bit.ly/1nXix8h>
- New Parkinson's drug shows promise for 'off' periods - <http://bit.ly/1nEaRxB>
- Major step towards a blood test for predicting Alzheimer's - <http://bit.ly/1rct03v>

## Get involved

- **INVOLVE** funded by, the National Institute for Health Research, aims to support active public involvement in NHS, public health and social care research. Find out about opportunities to get involved in their work here - <http://bit.ly/1tFjR5d>
- **Cure Parkinson's Trust** have launched a very short survey to investigate why people with Parkinson's and their caregivers DO NOT participate in clinical trials. The results of this survey will be presented at the Grand Challenges in Parkinson's/Rallying to the Challenge meeting at Grand Rapids, Michigan on 24th September.  
Fill in the survey now - [bit.ly/Rally2Challenge](http://bit.ly/Rally2Challenge)

## Other research highlights

- Long-awaited, global trial of foetal cells for Parkinson's - <http://bit.ly/1kdPsej>
- New research sheds light on why your memory deteriorates as you age - <http://bit.ly/1kdMvKt>
- Parkinson's is the second most common neurological disorder, affecting almost 10 million people worldwide - <http://bit.ly/1qCaVzW>
- Early detection crucial to defeating dementia, true for all neurodegenerative conditions - <http://bit.ly/1nkcCPx>
- Exploring the origins of the placebo effect in Parkinson's - <http://bit.ly/1z7m646>
- Protein involved in development of cancer may be the route to saving nerve cells in Parkinson's - <http://bit.ly/1nEb8QZ>

## Next steps

Please circulate this roundup to members of your Parkinson's UK local group, Parkinson's nurse, family and friends.

## Not a member of our Research Support Network? Join us!

Keep up to date with all the latest research news, events and opportunities to take part and help shape research. **Sign up here** – <http://bit.ly/rsnsignup>

Very best wishes,

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