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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

### New evidence that Parkinson's starts in the gut

New research provides some of the strongest evidence to date that Parkinson's may start in the gut and spread upwards through the nervous system to the brain. Read more – <http://bit.ly/1FXOPZW>

### Freemasons: We need your vote to win £100k research grant

We're thrilled to have been shortlisted to receive a grant of £100,000 from the Masonic Samaritan Fund that would fund our research into swallowing problems. Read more – <http://bit.ly/1T9M0hR>

## Research event: Simvastatin Clinical Trial

The **Cure Parkinson's Trust** are funding a new clinical trial to find out whether the drug Simvastatin has potential as a treatment for Parkinson's.

- **Where:** Blackfriars, London
- **When:** Thursday 16 July 2015 (11am – 3pm)

The team are holding a small event for patients and carers in London to discuss ways to get patients involved in this exciting new trial, including how patients and researchers can work together to ensure that the trial is a success. Lunch will be provided.

We have **10 spaces available** for this meeting so if you are interested in attending, please contact Helen Matthews, Cure Parkinson's Trust at [helen@cureparkinsons.org.uk](mailto:helen@cureparkinsons.org.uk)

## Get involved: PD-HELP

A research team, based at **City University London** are conducting a study looking at help-seeking for health problems funded by **Parkinson's UK**. If we can understand more about factors that influence whether people tell their doctors about problems with their health we can try to make sure that everyone receives the help they need.

The team are still looking for people with Parkinson's to get involved so if you're happy to complete a **questionnaire online** about symptoms that you do and don't report to your doctor, please follow this link - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ParkinsonsHelp>

Alternatively if you'd rather complete the questionnaire by **post** or over the **telephone**, please contact **Dr Lorna Rixon**, City University London on **0207 040 0881** or [Lorna.Rixon.1@city.ac.uk](mailto:Lorna.Rixon.1@city.ac.uk)

## Next steps

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

## 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>

Thank you for supporting research!

Best wishes

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