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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

### £6m boost for world-leading Parkinson's research centre

£6m boost for world-leading Parkinson's research centre at the University of Oxford - allowing the search for a cure for Parkinson's to continue. Read more – <http://bit.ly/1G5GCoy>



### A potential new route to slow Parkinson's

Scientists we fund at the University of Bath have developed a way that might one day be a potential new route to slow Parkinson's. Read more – <http://bit.ly/1aPQOrG>

### New insights into the link between statins and Parkinson's

New research published in the scientific journal Movement Disorders suggests that statins may not reduce the risk of developing Parkinson's as previously thought. Read more – <http://bit.ly/18nGOJ>

### Early stage trials of new growth factor show promise for Parkinson's

Early stage trials of new growth factor PDGF shows promise as a treatment for people with Parkinson's. Read more - <http://bit.ly/1CGnB5>

## Join our Research Strategy Board

We're looking for people affected by Parkinson's to join our Research Strategy Board – an advisory group to assist the Chief Executive and the Director of Research and Development on all aspects of the charity's research strategy. The group will meet 3 times a year and you will need to commit around 40 hours per year to the role.

You will need to fit the following criteria:

- **Person with Parkinson's** or a **carer** of a person with Parkinson's
- **Expert knowledge** of aspects of research and development in the field of Parkinson's, which may include basic science, neurology, unmet needs and impact on persons with Parkinson's
- Commitment to the aims and values of **Parkinson's UK**
- Ability to work effectively as a **member of a team** while contributing an independent perspective

For further information and to apply for this role, please contact Anna Smith at [rsn@parkinsons.org.uk](mailto:rsn@parkinsons.org.uk) or on 0207 963 9398.

## Other research highlights

- Come to a research event – we're holding events across the country to share the latest research – [www.parkinsons.org.uk/researchevents](http://www.parkinsons.org.uk/researchevents)
- New benefits advice service for those taking part in public involvement in the NIHR - <http://bit.ly/1Np8cTb>
- The Neurological Alliance have published their report 'The Invisible Patients - revealing the state of neurology services' – <http://bit.ly/1wLwpOL>
- Access to understanding – vote for your favorite science research summary - <http://bit.ly/1E01WMf>

## 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>

Best wishes

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We achieved so much in 2014 thanks to our supporters and everyone involved with the charity. Here are [some of the highlights](#).

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