
Subject: Research Roundup

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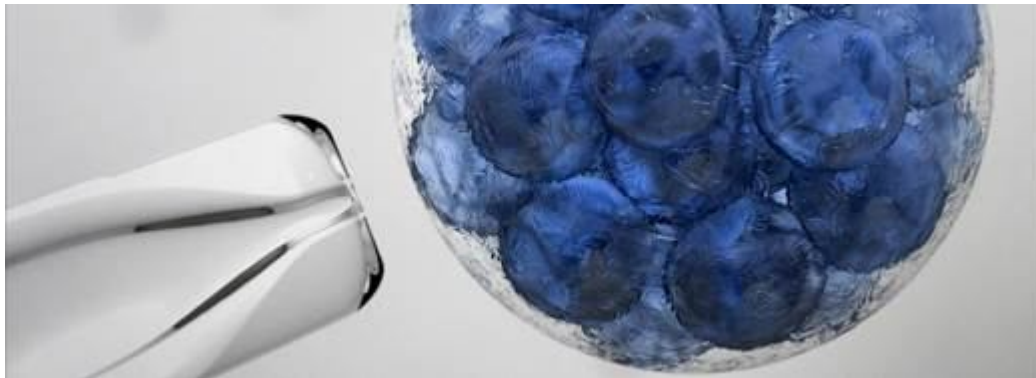
Hello research supporter

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

- **International foetal cell trial begins for Parkinson's**

Last month marked the first steps of a groundbreaking trial as the first person with Parkinson's received a transplant of donated foetal cells. Read more – <http://bit.ly/1FxKzBm>



- **Depression and Parkinson's - what's the story?**

A new study published in the journal Neurology suggests having depression increases the risk of Parkinson's. Read more – <http://bit.ly/1ARpntu>

- **Dundee researchers win funding to study vital gene**

We awarded researchers at the University of Dundee over £90,000 to fund research which could shed light on the genetics behind Parkinson's. Read more – <http://bit.ly/1KIzJr>

Thank you to all our volunteers!

It's Volunteers' Week! Our work simply wouldn't be possible without our fantastic volunteers. So we wanted to take this opportunity to thank you to all our research volunteers who support our work in the research team at Parkinson's UK on a daily basis.

Watch our short video showing how important volunteering is to Parkinson's UK - <http://bit.ly/1Gbyt4M>

Get involved: Taking control

In 2013, Parkinson's UK asked people affected by Parkinson's what were the three things that they felt would make a real difference to their lives. This led to 3 themes being identified:

- **A cure and better treatments**
- **Better services**
- **Taking control**

These themes now underpin our new strategy, 2015-2019. We are now working **Lancaster University** to develop a way of measuring how much control people feel they have over their lives with Parkinson's. It will help us identify what challenges people face the most and also monitor any increases or decreases in people's sense of control.

To help us do this, we'd like to invite you to complete the following survey so we can create a scale that is meaningful, relevant and accurate.

Please take a few minutes to complete our survey - <http://surveys.parkinsons.org.uk/s/control/>

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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