

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

### · **Drug for liver conditions may have promise for Parkinson's**

Parkinson's UK funded researchers have found in lab tests that a drug traditionally used to treat liver conditions may also have promise for treating Parkinson's.

Read more – [www.parkinsons.org.uk/liverdrug](http://www.parkinsons.org.uk/liverdrug).



### · **Are brain cells dying in Parkinson's due to 'burn out'?**

New research suggests the death of brain cells in Parkinson's might be caused by an energy crisis, or 'burn out'.

Read more – <http://bit.ly/1NJI06x>.

## Come to a research event

There's a whole host of research events happening right across the country in the next couple of months.

Browse the list on our website to find events near you:

[www.parkinsons.org.uk/researchevents](http://www.parkinsons.org.uk/researchevents)



## Participate in research

### **BioResource Initiative: King's College London**

We've recently been contacted by a research team based at the King's College London who would like to invite you to

join their BioResource initiative.

### What is the 'BioResource Initiative'?

The NIHR BioResource is a NHS research initiative funded by **the National Institute for Health Research**.

This is part of a national project aiming to build up a central library of information about people's health. This information will be used in medical research to help us better understand why different conditions such as Parkinson's happen and how we can develop better treatments for them.

### Who can take part?

People with Parkinson's.

### What is involved?

Taking part in this project involves providing **a saliva sample** for genetic analysis which will be done entirely by post. The team will also ask if you're happy to link the sample to your clinical records by asking your GP for a copy of your medical history.

The data you provide will be used in two ways.

- Firstly, BioResource staff will make the genetic and clinical data available to scientists working on ethically approved projects (**on a strictly anonymous basis**).
- Secondly, if you'd like you can provide consent to be contacted about research studies which are looking for participants (for example a trial of a new drug).

For further information about the BioResource and what is involved, please visit - <http://bit.ly/1SjjUhf>

The closing date for taking part is **July 2016**.

### Interested in taking part?

Please contact the research team directly:

**Dr Byron Creese, Research lead**  
King's College London  
[Byron.Creese@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:Byron.Creese@kcl.ac.uk) or 0207 848 8194

**This opportunity is not managed by Parkinson's UK. It is your choice to take part in the activity and Parkinson's UK cannot take responsibility for it.**

### Spread the word

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!

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