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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

It's been an exciting month for Parkinson's research- here are some of the highlights:

- **Skin odour could lead to early diagnosis of Parkinson's**

Parkinson's UK has launched a project to understand whether our skin odour could be used to help diagnose Parkinson's.



- **Parkinson's UK-funded researchers discover Parkinson's switch**

Our researchers at the University of Dundee have discovered a 'switchboard' of molecules that play a vital role in protecting brain cells against Parkinson's.

Read more- <http://bit.ly/1MKdDyo>

- **We comment on results from early-stage trials of cancer drug for Parkinson's**

The cancer drug nilotinib has recently received a lot of news coverage, after a small trial showed promising results in people with Parkinson's. Find out what our Director of Research, Dr Arthur Roach, thinks about the recent trial.

Read more - <http://bit.ly/1OqvMI0>.



- **Latest issue of Progress is out now**

The autumn issue of our free research magazine, Progress, is out now. In this issue, find out more about how our new research strategy aims to deliver new and better treatments in years, not decades.

Download or order Progress here- <http://bit.ly/1SrOO9i>

**Also make sure to tell us what you think of Progress here-** <http://bit.ly/1kvDsFx>

## **Come to a research event**

There's a whole host of research events happening right across the country this month.

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

<http://www.parkinsons.org.uk/event-categories/research-events>

## **Participate in research**

- **Become a research champion**

The Research Champion role is a vital one for supporting the objectives of the Research Support Network at a local level. The role has been designed to be flexible, fitting in with your schedule – you can do as much or as little as you like. Fundamentally, we need a point of contact for research in the local groups, someone who can pass on our Research Support Network emails and information to people in your group who don't have internet access. There are currently 48 Research Champions – but we are hoping to have one in every local group. This means there are about 300 vacancies to be filled!

Tim King, Research Champion for Garioch Support Group, said: "This is an excellent way to do what you can. I've found it very fulfilling, so I'd encourage anyone else who's keen on spreading the word about the latest research and treatments to consider putting their name forward."

**If you'd like to become a Research Champion, contact Anna-Louise Smith, Research Support Network Manager, [alsmith@parkinsons.org.uk](mailto:alsmith@parkinsons.org.uk)**

- **Take part in a survey on online health communities**

Assistant Professor Jina Huh, from the University of California San Diego, is looking for users of online health communities – like the [Parkinson's UK forum](#) - to share their views.

Find out how to take part in her online survey here- <http://bit.ly/1MKw3z1>

## 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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