

Research Study Advertisement

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Evidence of Herpes Virus activity in Serum from Meniere's Disease Sufferers

The University of Sydney is conducting a clinical research study to determine the involvement of viruses in the symptoms of Meniere's Disease. It has been hypothesized that an outbreak of a Herpes virus may cause the vertigo attacks in Meniere's sufferers.

To support this hypothesis, study participants will be directed to visit a pathology clinic to provide sample of their blood within a few days of a vertigo attack. They will then need to visit the pathology clinic a second time several weeks later, when they are no longer experiencing vertigo.

If our results show an elevated level of herpes viral activity in the samples taken close to a vertigo attack, this would provide evidence that viral outbreaks may cause Meniere's symptoms. Moreover, from this we could then work towards developing a more effective treatment aimed at treating the particular virus causing the vertigo attacks.

Please contact Assoc. Prof. Payal Mukherjee or Prof. Bill Gibson (details below) if you are interested to know more about, or participate in the study, and the following apply to you:

- You were diagnosed with Meniere's disease, between the ages of 40 to 55.
- You are now between the age of 45 to 70.
- You live in NSW

Further information can be obtained in the form of a Participant Information Statement. Knowing what is involved will help you decide if you want to take part in the research. Please read this sheet carefully and ask questions about anything that you don't understand or want to know more about.

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Or hand the information directly to:

Assoc. Professor Payal Mukherjee

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We will mail you further details of the study

and forms to be signed to consent to become
a participant in the study.

This study is undertaken with ethics approval
granted by the University of Sydney and care
will be taken to safeguard your personal and
medical information.



Meniere's disease research project

Are you suffering from Meniere's disease?

Can you volunteer to help find the cure?

Please can you provide the following details and return them
To us directly or at the address at the back of this brochure ?

Name.....

Address

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Telephone (optional)

Email (optional)

The research project involves obtaining samples of blood as soon as possible after a significant attack of vertigo and comparing the results with a sample of blood taken during a subsequent period of remission.

The blood will be taken at a local Douglas Hanley Moir facility no cost to the participant. The blood will be sent to a Laboratory at the University of Sydney where it will be analysed.

To participate, you need to fulfil the following:

1. You were diagnosed with Meniere's disease between ages of 40-55 yrs.
2. You are now between age of 45-70 yrs.
3. You live in NSW