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Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

Q: I'm a registered organ donor; does this already include my brain?

Registering as an organ donor does not identify a person as a brain donor for research – brain tissue donation is a separate process.

Q: What does my participation involve?

Participation involves a 4-5 hour visit to the University of Washington Medical Center for an MRI, neuropsych testing, to complete an interview and a blood draw for genomic analysis. Study compensation is \$50, a \$15 lunch voucher and parking. Participants will also be invited back every 2 to 3 years during study funding to complete repeat assessments (including MRI, assessments, and blood draw).

Q: How is the donation arranged?

At the time of death, or when death is imminent, next of kin should contact First Call Plus at 1-800-823-3570 and their personnel will obtain written consent for autopsy. By agreeing to this research, you are not consenting to brain donation, that can only be obtained from your next of kin in the hours following death. You are only signing that this is your intent at this time. By making your wishes known, you ease the burden on your next of kin.

Military Veteran Brain Tissue Donor Program

*A collaborative study to
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about the long-term
effects of TBI in Veterans*



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What is the Late Effects of Traumatic Brain Injury in Military Veterans Study (LE-TBI-MIL)?

A collaborative study between the University of Washington, Mount Sinai, and Harvard/Massachusetts General Hospital for Veterans who have had a TBI

A research project sponsored by the National Institutes of Health and the US Department of Defense

An effort to improve knowledge of long-term effects of TBI in Veterans from all service eras and all healthcare systems

In 2014 our group established a scientifically rigorous long-term study of brain tissue from individuals who have a TBI with the goal of learning more about them before they pass away. LE-TBI-MIL specifically recruits Veterans to build on this research to ensure that findings from brain tissue research are relevant to Veterans and their families, both current and future.

Making your wishes known for brain tissue donation for research is one way you can help current and future generations of Veterans.

Inclusion Criteria for Veteran Participants:

- History of single or multiple TBIs
- Must be willing to make your wishes known about brain tissue donation
- Must live within Washington



Why is brain tissue donation important?

Little is known about the long-term effects of traumatic brain injury (TBI) on brain tissue. This lack of knowledge has limited progress in developing effective treatments, including for Veterans and their specific healthcare needs.

Studies researching donated brain tissue following death are critical because they are among the best methods to identify preventative and new treatments for brain disorders. This project represents the most scientifically rigorous effort to date to improve our understanding of long-term outcomes of single and multiple TBIs.

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