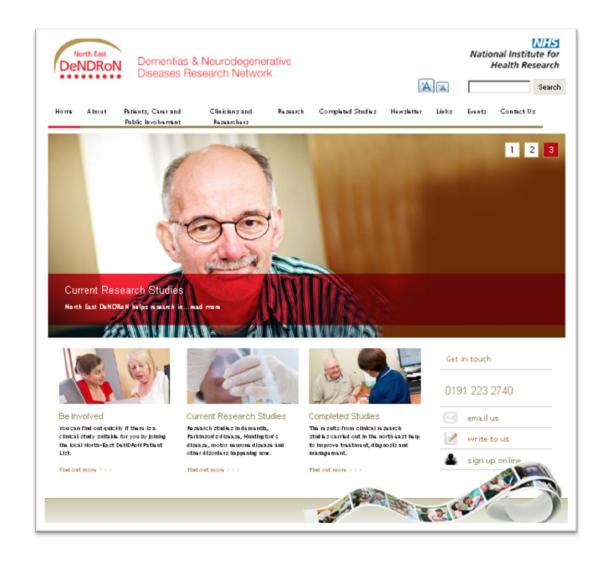


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Parkinson's Disease Studies



PRoBaND 'Tracking Parkinson's'

The PRoBaND study is running across the region. If you have been diagnosed with Parkinson's in the last 3 years, or were diagnosed before the age of 50, then this study is for you. It is to relate the variability in symptoms of Parkinson's with genetic variability. Participants will have several clinic visits over three years.

Close date - 2017

Principal Investigator - County Durham and Darlington - Dr Richard Prescott

Northumberland - Professor Richard Walker

Sunderland - Dr Uma Nath

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Domino-AD

Chief Investigator: Professor Rob Howard

This study was funded by the Medical Research Council and the Alzheimer's Society. 295 people with Alzheimer's disease living in the community were followed to investigate what happens if people who had been previously treated with donepezil - but had reached the point where NICE guidance suggests that treatment should be withdrawn - are randomised to (i) continue donepezil; (ii) stop donepezil and receive a placebo; (iii) take memantine (Exiba) instead of donepezil; or (iv) take both drugs in combination. This was a difficult trial to carry out and we are really grateful to all of the patients and their carers who helped us through their involvement.

We found that people who continued to take donepezil showed considerably less decline in cognition (memory, orientation, language function etc) and function (retained ability to carry out simple daily tasks and self-care) than those taking a placebo. The benefits seen with continued donepezil treatment were clinically important and were actually greater than those previously seen in people with mild to moderate Alzheimer's disease.

Very robust evidence has been provided that continuing with donepezil conveys significant advantages. The trial results were less clear with regard to the value of adding memantine to donepezil. Although there were no significant differences in outcomes between the subgroups of people who received donepezil alone and the



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Huntington's Disease



EuroHD Registry 3

This study is a European initiative to collect clinical information and blood samples for genetic analysis from one third of the people with Huntington's in Europe. Participants have annual clinic visits. The study will be extended worldwide.

Close date - 01.03.2030 Principal Investigator - Dr Baldev Singh

Lifestyle Factors Sub-study EuroHD

This study is looking at the influence a person's lifestyle might have on the age they



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Former Ponteland Dentist plays golf for Parkinson's

Derek Forster, who ran a dentist's practice in Ponteland for almost 30 years, is this year's Captain of the Seniors at Matfen Golf Club.

Jocelyn, his wife, who died at Christmas 2009, had Parkinson's. Now Derek is using his time and talents to support organisations involved in research into the disease. To that end his Captain's Charity Day raised money for Parkinson's. 22 people from the Seniors Group teed-off on October 10th at Matfen. A beautiful blue-sky day saw the trophy won by David Thompson with a magnificent Stableford score of 41 points. In all 44 people contributed to the sum raised, by donations of cash and prizes for the raffle. There was also an auction of two super prizes donated by two members.



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