

Tour of North East DeNDRoN Website

The screenshot shows the homepage of the North East DeNDRoN website. At the top left is the logo for North East DeNDRoN, which includes the text "North East DeNDRoN" and "Dementias & Neurodegenerative Diseases Research Network". To the right of the logo is the NHS logo and the text "National Institute for Health Research". Below the logo and NHS text is a search bar with a "Search" button. A navigation menu is located below the search bar, with links for "Home", "About", "Patients, Carers and Public Involvement", "Clinicians and Researchers", "Research", "Completed Studies", "Newsletter", "Links", "Events", and "Contact Us". The main content area features a large image of a man with glasses and a mustache, wearing a red and black striped shirt. Below the image is a red banner with the text "Current Research Studies" and "North East DeNDRoN helps research in... read more". To the right of the image are three small numbered boxes (1, 2, 3). Below the main image are three columns of content, each with a small image and a title: "Be Involved" (with an image of two women), "Current Research Studies" (with an image of a hand holding a test tube), and "Completed Studies" (with an image of a man and a woman). To the right of these columns is a "Get in touch" section with the phone number "0191 223 2740" and three links: "email us", "write to us", and "sign up online". At the bottom of the page is a decorative graphic of a film strip.



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Patients can be involved through the Patient List. You get a newsletter three times a year to tell you what research is going on.

DeNDRoN uses the Patient List to recruit quickly to studies

Patients use the Patient List to keep informed about studies

Doctors use the Patient List to give their patients research opportunities

Sign up to the Patient List, fill out the form below.

We post out some information, then phone you to arrange to visit you at home. We'll ask for your written agreement to keep your particulars on file, and collect some details about you.

If you want to join the Patient List because you have Parkinson's, you can also join the Parkinson's UK Research Support Network

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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
Newcastle- Professor David Burn



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Completed Studies

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 Matten 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 Matten. 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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