

PARDIP

Study

Psychosis and Affective
Research Domains and
Intermediate Phenotypes

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**A research study to help understand
the genetic basis and brain changes
in people with bipolar disorder**

Why Participate in Research?

Participating in research studies allows participants to become more educated on their illness. It allows participants to have a more involved role in their healthcare, as well as help contribute to research that could possibly lead to medical innovations and more effective treatments.

Why is Mental Health Research Important?

Bipolar and schizophrenia remain among the least understood mental disorders. Understanding these illness can lead to improvements in caring for individuals. Schizophrenia and bipolar disorder may share common and unique factors to the occurrences of these diseases. Identifying the genes that cause bipolar and schizophrenia is the first step toward new, more effective treatments and ultimately possible prevention in people who may be at risk.

What Will Happen During the Study?

- MRI
- Paper and pencil tests
- EEG
- Eye tracking task
- Clinical interviews
- Blood draw
- Urine drug screen



MRI at BIDMC

Who is Eligible for the PARDIP Study?

People with a diagnosis of bipolar disorder, ages 18-55.

Excluded from the study are people with mental retardation, and people with serious medical problems or prolonged drug or alcohol abuse

Compensation

Each participant can earn up to \$200 for completing all procedures. All assessments are free of charge.