



National Alliance on Mental Illness

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RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

NAMI is committed to improving the lives of people impacted by mental health conditions through effective treatments, equitable public policies, and greater knowledge and understanding in society. Research is essential to advance each of these goals. When NAMI is approached to be involved in research of any type, at any level, we take it very seriously. NAMI's Chief Medical Officer Dr. Ken Duckworth and National Director of Research, Support and Education Dr. Teri Brister thoroughly review the research protocols and methodology and the documentation that the study has been approved by an Institutional Review Board (IRB) to assure the safety of those involved.

NAMI does not accept financial compensation for recruiting research participants. NAMI also does not endorse any products or treatments. We share these research opportunity notices with you, our field leaders, to distribute at your discretion if you believe that members of your community may be interested in participating in these studies.

If you have questions about research at NAMI, please visit [NAMI.org/research](https://www.nami.org/research) or email research@nami.org.

WHAT IS THE STUDY?

Research has shown that genes can make some people more likely than others to develop Schizophrenia or Bipolar Disorder. The goal of this study is to identify these genes. Individuals **WITH** and **WITHOUT** these disorders are invited to join the study. Since this is a genetic study, control subjects **cannot** have a family member with one of these illnesses.

Study Procedures:

- Complete a screening questionnaire on personal and family health history
- Give a small blood sample
- Be compensated for your time and effort
- Be interviewed by a clinician about your symptoms (*if you are not a control*)

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Participants may be eligible for this study if they are:

- 18 years or older
- Diagnosis of Schizophrenia or Bipolar Disorder (Manic Depression)
- NO personal or family history of Schizophrenia or Bipolar as a **control**

WHERE IS THE STUDY TAKING PLACE?

There is one study sites in your area:

- University Behavioral Health Care, 671 Hoes Lane West, Piscataway, NJ

HOW DO I LEARN MORE?

The documents attached have additional information about the study that is recruiting two groups. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact the researchers at CGPHA@ubhc.rutgers.edu or call 732-235-4109. All inquiries are confidential.