

The RICE research team

The team at RICE is made up of an experienced team of doctors, nurses and psychologists. We participate in and run a range of clinical trials and academic research, both independently and in partnership with colleagues in the NHS, universities and pharmaceutical companies.

How to get involved

If you're interested in learning more about our research and how to take part, please contact us:

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Alternatively, complete and return the form below.

Research participant information request

Please contact me with information about research at RICE.

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About RICE

RICE exists to lead and collaborate on essential research and service delivery to improve the health and find effective treatment for those impacted by dementia and other related conditions.

RICE is an independent charity (1042559). We are funded by BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire CCG to provide the NHS Memory Clinic on their behalf.

Some of our clinical trials are carried out in partnership with pharmaceutical companies; however we raise all funding for our academic research.

We also fundraise for the support services we provide free of charge to patients, carers and families.

We produce a RICE Newsletter which includes information about our research support services and fundraising activity. A contact form is provided with your clinic paperwork.



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Volunteering for Research



This leaflet contains information on how to become involved in dementia research at RICE. Ask a member of the team for information about current research studies and how to get involved.

RICE is a registered charity in England and Wales (no.1042559)



Research at RICE

Since 1985, RICE has undertaken research to better understand, diagnose and treat dementia and other health conditions affecting older adults. RICE is now working collaboratively with colleagues at the RUH and the universities of Bath and Bristol to conduct research along the three main themes of Thinking Clearly, Moving Well and Staying Strong.

Previous research has helped develop current drugs licensed to treat dementia. RICE continues to be involved in the search for new and more effective treatments which can be used at earlier stages of dementia.



What is involved

All of RICE's studies are different and people may find that they are suitable for some more than others. It is helpful to think about research as falling into two broad categories;

- Clinical Trials - to explore potential new drug treatments for dementia
- Academic Research - to look at non-drug treatments (e.g. cognitive rehabilitation), observational studies of dementia and studies aimed at developing new techniques for assessing and managing dementia.

Clinical trials

Clinical trials involve monitoring a person while they are taking a medication which is being investigated. Usually a study partner (family member or friend) is also involved, helping to complete assessments that look at the potential benefits of the drug.

Individuals are seen at regular intervals by RICE's team of doctors, nurses and psychologists, to monitor progress and to answer any questions. The frequency of visits varies but most visits will last between two and four hours.

Study requirements vary, but all studies will include blood tests and head scans. Some will involve lumbar punctures.



Academic research

Academic studies look at improving knowledge of dementia and some explore non-drug-based interventions. Observational studies may ask a person with dementia and a family member to complete questionnaires which look at key outcomes such as functioning in everyday life and how their memory affects their well-being. Interventional studies may test and evaluate therapies and technologies aimed at improving memory, health and general functioning. Other studies may attempt to explore the benefits of potential new memory tests for diagnosing and monitoring dementia.

The benefits of taking part

The importance of high quality research into dementia cannot be overstated. Its benefit extends to the person with dementia, their family and carers, with numerous benefits, including:

- the knowledge that you are making a difference to the wider understanding of dementia and helping to improve the quality of life for people with memory difficulties
- opportunity to try new and potentially better treatments
- regular contact with our specialist dementia team

"Another benefit of working with RICE has been gaining access to the EVOKE clinical trial which has added a great sense of purpose to my life, to be aiding the urgent cause of dementia research."

Tony, 2022

Further information

Every study has an information sheet that explains what the study will involve and all our research is overseen by our Clinical and Research Quality Manager. The RICE team are always happy to discuss this information and answer any questions, at any time. The decision to participate is yours and you can withdraw at any time if you do not wish to continue.