2017 Community Grants

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1. Characteristics of African American People with Parkinson’s Disease – University of Chicago

2. Care, Research and Unmet Needs for African Americans with Parkinson’s Disease in Chicago – Rush University Medical Center
Characteristics of African American People with Parkinson’s Disease: A Hospital Based Study at the University of Chicago of the African American Community in Chicago’s South Side.

More than 10 million people worldwide are living with Parkinson’s disease (PD). While the actual number of African Americans with PD is unknown, it is clear that there are racial disparities in the access to health care, and diagnosis and treatment of PD. The lack of clear knowledge on the lower PD prevalence among African Americans compared to Caucasians further calls for more research in this field. The University of Chicago Medicine is an ideal facility to study this topic, due to its location on the South Side of Chicago with large African American population. By analyzing the data on demographics, socioeconomics and clinical features of PD patients in our Center for Research Informatics in African Americans compared to the Caucasians of similar geographical area all accessible to the same health care facility, this study aims to work toward a better understanding of the unique features of PD in African Americans, which might help improve the healthcare among the African Americans in Chicago and possibly nationwide. Blood will also be drawn during follow-up visits for future genetic studies, which might also help understand the genetic aspect of the disparity in PD.

How to sign up: We will contact them after our database search

Dates: July 1, 2017- June 30, 2018

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Instructor Bio:
Tao Xie, MD PhD, is an Associate Professor of Neurology and Director of the Parkinson Disease and Movement Disorders Program in the Department of Neurology at the University of Chicago Medicine. Dr. Xie finished his Neurology Residency at Emory University and Parkinson’s Disease and Movement Disorders Fellowship at Columbia University, after years of research experience at Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Xie is the principal investigator of this proposed research awarded by the Parkinson’s Foundation entitled “Characteristics of African American People with Parkinson’s Disease: A Hospital Based Study at the University of Chicago of the African American Community in Chicago’s South Side’. He is joined by a research team consisting of Wenjun Kang, M.S., a biostatistician, Danielle Lee, a University of Chicago undergraduate student, and Mahesh Padmanaban, M.D., an Assistant Professor of Neurology at the University of Chicago Medicine.
Care, Research and Unmet Need for African Americans with Parkinson’s Disease in Chicago

This program is an observational, cross-sectional study in which there are two types of visits: one for genotyping and one for focus groups. The overall goal of this program is to establish a permanent center that will serve an unmet need in the Chicago area and for the movement disorders field as a whole: the provision of care and research opportunities for African Americans (AA) with Parkinson Disease (PD). A second goal is to determine the phenotype of AA with PD compared to white PD patients. A third goal is to determine the additional barriers of AA PD patients by survey completion and focus groups in order to develop educational or other services in the future. This center will be established within the Rush PD and Movement Disorders Program administered by Dr. Hall (Movement Disorder Neurologist) and Dr. Anderson (Minority Expert and Neuropsychologist). Dr. Bailey (Movement Disorder Neurologist), who conducted the pilot studies with Drs. Hall and Dr. Barnes (Rush Alzheimer’s Group), will also participate. White PD patients will also be recruited to allow for the phenotypic description of the AA subjects.

How to sign up: Patients with PD will be recruited through the Parkinson Disease and Movement Disorder (PMDM) clinic at Rush University Medical Center. There are eight movement disorder attending physicians and two fellows who see about 4000 PD patients a year as new patients and in follow up. Potential subjects will be identified by their treating physician in the PDMD. If a patient is interested in enrolling in the study, they will be invited to an initial study visit. A video will be shown on a tablet featuring an African American team member explaining the consent process. They will then sign informed consent after a full explanation of the study and all questions are answered. As frequently as possible, an African American team member will be involved in the live consent process. Documentation of inclusion and exclusion criteria will occur if the subject is interested in enrollment. Eligible subjects who refuse participation will be given the option of later enrollment if they should choose to join the study.

Dates:
Phenotyping Visits: One visit, lasting approximately 3 hours, will occur with the subject during. All visits will be conducted during June 2017-June 2018. Focus Groups: Focus groups with AA PD patients and caregivers will be conducted two times over the course of the first year (June 2017-June 2018).

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