

PD GENERation

POWERED BY THE PARKINSON'S FOUNDATION

Referral Network

PD GENERation: Powered by the Parkinson's Foundation is an international research study that provides genetic testing and genetic counseling at no cost for people diagnosed with Parkinson's disease (PD).

By joining the study, participants can discover new knowledge about their genetic makeup, understand their family's risks and help benefit generations to come.

PD GENERation Referral Network

The PD GENERation Referral Network is a collaborative initiative designed to raise awareness of PD GENERation, our clinical research study aimed at better understanding genetic factors associated with Parkinson's disease.

The PD GENERation Referral Network is made up of both medical and non-medical organizations that work to connect eligible participants to the PD GENERation study. Referral Network members do not conduct research, collect data, or enroll people with PD themselves. Rather, they share information about the study and help connect interested, eligible participants to the online study platform to complete enrollment.

The Referral Network:

- *Has a direct impact on Parkinson's research.* Their referrals contribute to the advancement of Parkinson's genetics research.
- *Serves as a valuable resource for their community.* They help connect their members with Parkinson's to genetic testing and genetic counseling.

By joining the Referral Network, your organization plays a vital role in advancing Parkinson's research, and ultimately, contributes to finding better treatments and care for people with PD.

Apply to Join the Referral Network

Organizations interested in supporting their community's access to PD GENERation may apply to join the Referral Network. Referral Network members help raise

awareness of the study and direct interested individuals to [PD GENERation](#) for online enrollment.

The Referral Network program is open to medical and non-medical organizations nationwide in the US. There is no cost to apply or to participate, if selected. Applicants may fall under the following categories:

- **Referral Sites:** Medical centers, medical groups, or neurology offices.
- **Referral Partners:** Local non-profits and other organizations that operate programs for people with Parkinson's such as therapy centers, support groups, exercise classes or other services.

Application Process

1. Submit an Interest Form

Complete the PD GENERation [Referral Network Interest Form](#) to indicate your site's interest in participating.

2. Application Review

The PD GENERation team will review your submission to confirm eligibility and alignment with study goals.

3. Fulfill Requirements

Members of the Referral Network do not require local Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval. Sites are typically asked to:

- Assign a Site Lead - a designated person who will act as the primary contact for PD GENERation,
- Sign a Site Lead acknowledgment outlining roles and responsibilities,
- If applicable, obtain approvals from your institutional or organizational leadership.

4. Onboarding & Support

Once approved, your site will receive onboarding training, PD GENERation referral materials, select Parkinson's Foundation literature, and ongoing support from the PD GENERation team to assist with outreach and referrals.

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PD GENERation Referral Network FAQs

Q: What is expected of my organization as a member of the Referral Network?

A: The Referral Network is a bridge between the community and PD GENERation. Your role as a member is to share information about the PD GENERation study with people with PD.

You will not enroll people with Parkinson's into the study yourself or perform any of the consenting, testing or counseling associated with PD GENERation. Instead, Referral Network members guide interested individuals toward their best enrollment option, whether that is in-person at a nearby study testing site (where available) or at-home via online enrollment.

The Foundation will provide training and resources needed to facilitate referrals.

Q: How will I know how to talk about PD GENERation in my community?

A: The Parkinson's Foundation understands that each Partner or Site will have an individualized approach to sharing PD GENERation information based on their communities' needs.

We will provide the Referral Network with materials such as postcards, flyers, slide presentations, and literature. Staff will make themselves available to discuss outreach efforts and resource needs as requested.

As a member of the Referral Network, you will receive training, printed and digital materials, and other resources to equip you and your team with the knowledge to effectively share information about PD GENERation.

Q: If people are interested in PD GENERation but I am not ready to be a part of the Referral Network, what can I do?

A: It's easy to share information about PD GENERation formally or informally! Our website [Parkinson.org/PDGENERATION](https://www.parkinson.org/PDGENERATION) is always available along with our Helpline at 1-800-4PD-INFO (473-4636) or Helpline@Parkinson.org. Specific study questions can be directed to Genetics@Parkinson.org.

Q: How do I let people know that I am a part of the PD GENERation Referral Network?

A: The Parkinson's Foundation will provide approved applicants with a PD GENERation logo for this initiative. You may use this on your website, social media, and/or print it for your physical location. We will also list all approved Referral Network members on our Foundation website.