



Your participation in this study may help us learn more about the progression of psychosis and the relationship between psychosis and brain functioning.

Participation is **Confidential!**

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It is important to us that you understand 1) everything involved in your participation, and 2) the potential benefits and risks of your participation.

Early Phase

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Full Study Title:

Longitudinal Assessment & Monitoring of Clinical Status & Brain Function in Adolescents & Adults



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First Episode Psychosis: Longitudinal Assessment of Clinical Status and Brain Function

Research study affiliated with:

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
Brigham and Women's Hospital
Massachusetts General Hospital
McLean Hospital
VA Boston Health Care System-
(Brockton Division and
Jamaica Plain Division)



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This clinical research study is dedicated to understanding the earliest signs of serious mental and emotional problems in youth and young adults. Have you or someone you know recently had a first episode of psychosis?

Who can participate?

- If you, or someone you know, has recently had a first episode of psychosis, and are aged 13-45, you may be eligible for this research study. Symptoms of psychosis include unusual ideas or beliefs, paranoia, hallucinations, and confused thinking.

Your doctor may have told you that you had a psychotic episode, schizophrenia, schizophreniform, or schizoaffective disorder. You may have also been hospitalized in the past for a psychotic disorder. Even if psychotic symptoms are not currently experienced, you may still participate in the study.

Other Volunteers may also participate

People ages 13-45 who are not currently experiencing any psychological or social difficulties, and who have never been hospitalized or treated with anti-psychotic medication, and do not have a family member with psychosis.

What's Involved

- ⇒ An initial set of assessments (baseline).
- ⇒ A 6 month follow up phone call.
- ⇒ A second set of assessments 1 year later.

Each set of assessments will include:

- Personal interviews to discuss your history and possible changes in your thinking.
- Interviews with a family member to understand your family history.
- Paper and pencil tests of your thinking and memory.
- Collection of saliva and one time blood draw.
- Brain Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scans.
- An Electroencephalogram (EEG) of your brain.

Payment:

You will be paid for each study-related task that you participate in, and can earn up to \$320 for the first set of assessments.



Where will the study be?

The assessments will take place at :

- Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center AND
- Massachusetts General Hospital Imaging Center or Brigham and Women's Hospital MRI Center, or the VA Boston Health Center—Jamaica Plain Division.

Will I get feedback?

Following assessment, study staff will provide feedback to participants and their families. Also, with your permission, study staff can provide feedback to doctors, clinicians, or school personnel.

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Thank you for your consideration of our study!