

Would you consider taking part in research investigating the disruption of balance in spino-cerebellar ataxia?

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We need both people with SCA (types 1, 2, 3 & 6) AND healthy volunteers

We are currently recruiting for a study that investigates disrupted processes used to maintain balance in spino-cerebellar ataxia (SCA).

Research studies have found that people with SCA have problems in maintaining their balance and that this often leads to falls. Falls can cause secondary injuries and reduce quality of life. We want to find out how the condition of SCA affects balance and ultimately we hope that this study will lead on to development of therapies to help rehabilitate balance problems in those with SCA.

Participation will involve researchers measuring your body movement in standing as well as using some clinical and experimental tests. It would involve 5 hours of your time, split between two sessions on separate days. It would also involve you travelling to the Sobell Department in Queen Square, London. We are able to offer some financial reimbursement for your participation (time or travel).

If you agree with all of the following statements, you may be of significant value to our study:

- ✓ I am over 18
- ✓ I have no known neurological conditions (apart from SCA)
- ✓ I have no known orthopaedic conditions
- ✓ I am not registered blind
- ✓ I can walk over 10 metres independently i.e. without using any aids, such as a stick or nearby walls
- ✓ I can stand with my eyes closed for 10 seconds
- ✓ I am proficient in the use of English language
- ✓ I am not pregnant

If you have SCA but do not know what type this is, we may be able to offer you a clinical assessment to help determine this. If this sounds agreeable then we would put you in touch with Dr Giunti at the specialist ataxia centre.

If you think you might be interested in participating and would like more information, please contact:
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