

#### The ADBS PROGRAM

Mental illnesses include well-recognized conditions such as schizophrenia, dementia, bipolar, obsessive-compulsive & addiction disorders. Changes in the structure and function of the brain that result in mental illness are poorly understood. We do not understand why some individuals are more prone to developing mental illness than others. Understanding these underlying changes in the brain will likely lead to better methods to diagnose and treat mental illness.

The Accelerator program for Discovery in Brain disorders using Stem cells (ADBS) is a new scientific venture to understand mental illness by harnessing the power of sophisticated clinical investigations, modern human genetics, and stem cell technology. The data collection will be happening at the state-of-art facilities at NIMHANS by a team of mental health professionals. ADBS was launched in 2016 under the joint stewardship of three institutions from Bangalore, India – the National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS), the Institute for Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine (inStem) and the National Institute for Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS).

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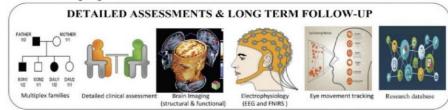


### Who can participate?

If you are a patient, caregiver, relative or a member of the public wanting to contribute to scientific research on mental health biology, you are welcome to get involved with the ADBS program. Your participation could benefit society greatly.

## What will happen to me if I take part?

After an information session and providing informed consent, you will be asked to visit the hospital for assessments and to donate a sample of blood for research purposes.



You will be compensated for taking the time to participate in the program, including costs for travel and food.

# How is my privacy protected?

The national cell repository for neuropsychiatric illness assures that information provided during an interview will be strictly confidential. Numerous physical, electronic and training safeguards have been put into place across data collection sites to prevent breach of confidentiality.

# Whom should I contact if I need more information about this program?

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