Re: Research Opportunity at the Martinez VA

Dear Veteran:

The VA facility in Martinez has been a hub of activity in brain research for over 20 years and has contributed much to the field of brain science as well as the development of new rehabilitation methods for brain injured persons. Currently, the VA in Martinez has several approved research studies that examine the effects of brain injury on perceptual and mental functioning.

This letter is to let you know that you may be eligible to participate in an approved research study currently being conducted by Dr. Lynn C. Robertson, Ph.D. at the Martinez VA. The study is titled, “Attentional Disorders in Brain Injured Patients”. Participants must be between the ages of 21 and 90 and must have suffered a stroke (or similar brain injury) sometime within the last 5 years. Participation involves paper & pencil tests of visual attention, some computerized tests, and an optional MRI scan of your brain (a non-invasive procedure that takes a picture of your brain). Participants will be compensated for their time.

If you think you may be interested in participating in this study or would like more information, please contact the Study Coordinator:

Krista Parker, Ph.D. phone (925) 372-2513 or email: krista.parker@va.gov

We will follow-up via phone (or email if available) within the next 7 days.

Only persons who want to be included in this study will be enrolled. There are no penalties for choosing to not participate. Should you choose to participate, you may withdraw from the study at any time, without penalty. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lynn C. Robertson, Ph.D.
Senior Research Career Scientist

The VA Northern California Health Care System Human Research Protection Program protects volunteers in research projects. You may call them at (916) 366-5359 from 8a-4:30p Monday-Friday. You may also write to them at: VANCHCS HRPP (151), 10535 Hospital Way, Bldg. 722, Mather, CA 94655.