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## Message from David Amaral, Director of Autism BrainNet

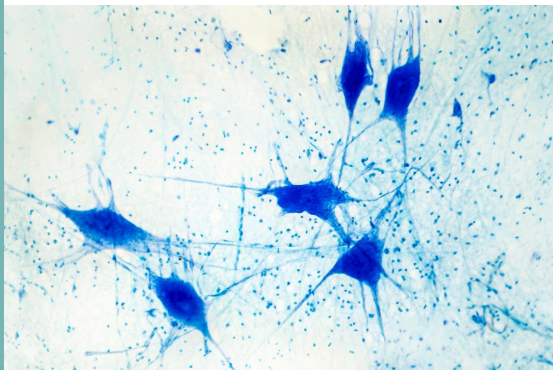


Autism BrainNet can accomplish its goal of advancing autism research through postmortem brain studies thanks to partners from many walks of life. Our most important collaborators are the families in the United States, Great Britain, and now Canada, who decided, or are considering, to make the most precious gift of a brain donation to speed up research into the causes and treatments of autism.

[Read more here.](#)

## SCIENCE

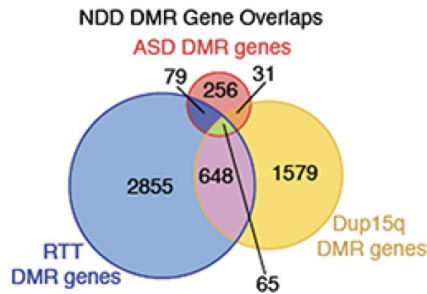
### Five discoveries about autism that scientists have made by studying postmortem brain tissue



Thanks to the generosity of our donor families and research facilitated by Autism BrainNet and other organizations, studies of postmortem brain tissue have led to many discoveries about autism.

[Read more about five \(of many\) recent findings.](#)

## Two studies highlight convergent epigenetic mechanisms in autism, dup15q and Rett syndrome



Findings from two new studies analyzing postmortem brain tissue demonstrate common molecular changes in idiopathic (no known cause) autism, and dup15q and Rett syndrome.

[Read more about this research here.](#)

### Webinar

Why is studying the brain important for understanding autism?

David G. Amaral, Ph.D. and Cynthia M. Schumann, Ph.D.



SPARK 

Why is studying the brain important for understanding autism? Join SPARK on their next webinar to learn more.

Date: October 30, 12 pm Eastern Time

Guest speakers: David Amaral & Cynthia Schumann from Autism BrainNet

[Register here: http://bit.ly/2LVKODp](http://bit.ly/2LVKODp)

### HOTLINE

**Contact us, we are here to help.**



If you have questions about Autism BrainNet and the donation process, email us at:

[info@autismbrainnet.org](mailto:info@autismbrainnet.org)

If you have questions about making a donation, call our 24 hour hotline:

**1-877-333-0999**

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Thanks for visiting

Thanks to all the individuals and families that came out to support the autism community and Autism BrainNet.



Many families and individuals signed up to learn more about brain research at the Autism Speaks walks in New York City, Dallas, TX, Greater Boston area, and New Jersey.



Alycia Halladay (center), from the Autism Science Foundation and Autism BrainNet collaborator, presented to families at the Dup15q Alliance family meeting in Houston, TX. Thanks to all the families, partners, and researchers who support and help further autism research. Pictured here are Vaneesa Vogel-Farley, Executive Director of the Dup15q Alliance and Jill Silverman, Ph.D., Researcher at UC Davis.



Autism BrainNet was invited to be part of the Angelman Syndrome family conference in Louisville, KY, and the Families SCN2A family meeting in Seattle, WA. We are grateful to all the families for welcoming us in their communities. Pictured here are Lilliam Acosta-Sanchez, Outreach Manager at Autism BrainNet and Amanda Moore, CEO of the Angelman Syndrome Foundation.

Carolyn Hare, Clinical Director for Autism BrainNet attended the American Association of Tissue Banks annual meeting held in Toronto, Canada and raised awareness about how collaborations help move autism research forward.



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