Message from David G. Amaral,
Scientific Director of Autism BrainNet

At the end of April, the entire Autism BrainNet team traveled to the Simons Foundation in New York City for a two-day meeting to hear from other brain bank directors with the goal of improving our operation.

We heard presentations by scientists who are using postmortem brain tissue in their research. Much of the meeting was dedicated to discussing how we could further enhance our brain processing practices with the aim of providing the best possible resource to the greatest number of researchers.

We want you, our community, to know that we are continually implementing processes that promote the best possible scientific use of the precious donations that we are receiving. We greatly appreciate your interest and commitment.
Research Updates

A postmortem brain study attempts to determine whether genetic differences associated with autism affect gene expression in the brain

In a recent study, researchers combined bioinformatics, molecular genetics, and human postmortem brain research to understand the differences in genes linked to autism. By identifying these differences and investigating their effects, the researchers hope to learn how they could increase the risk factors for autism. Findings from this research could have important implications for increasing our understanding of the causes of autism.

Read about this study

Combined study of postmortem brain tissue and a brain organoid model reveals shared molecular changes in dup15q syndrome and autism

Explore a recent (preprint) study revealing similarities in gene-expression changes among specific cell types in dup15q syndrome and autism. This study's findings not only help explain the underlying mechanisms of these conditions but also present promising implications for advancing autism research.

Read about this study

Video Library

New videos provide an overview of Autism BrainNet

Welcome to our video library where you can learn more about the mission of Autism BrainNet, the donation process, and hear directly from our researchers about the invaluable impact of postmortem brain donation on advancing autism science.
Brain Donation in Canada

**Partnership with The Douglas-Bell Canada Brain Bank**

The Douglas-Bell Canada Brain Bank is a network site of Autism BrainNet that allows Canadian individuals and families the opportunity to consider making a postmortem brain donation to help advance autism research. Information is available in English and French.

**Learn more about donation in Canada**

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**Donor Resources / Recursos para donantes**

At Autism BrainNet, we understand that considering brain donation can be difficult, and that's why we've made the process as simple as possible. We treat donor families with respect and compassion, and provide ongoing support to help ease any concerns families may have. We've also developed resources to assist you and your family in planning and communicating your intent to become a brain donor for Autism BrainNet. We are committed to advancing autism research and improving the lives of those affected by autism.

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Learn More
En Autism BrainNet, entendemos que considerar la donación de cerebro puede ser difícil. Es por eso que hemos hecho el proceso lo más simple posible. Las familias de los donantes reciben un trato respetuoso y compasivo, y brindamos apoyo continuo para ayudar a aliviar cualquier inquietud que puedan tener las familias. También hemos desarrollado recursos para ayudarlo a usted y a su familia a planificar y comunicar su intención de convertirse en donante de cerebro para Autism BrainNet. Estamos comprometidos a promover la investigación del autismo y mejorar las vidas de las personas afectadas por el autismo.

Helpline

Contact us, we are here to help.

If you have questions about making a donation or the donation process, call our 24 hour helpline:

1-877-333-0999

If you have questions about Autism BrainNet, email us at:

info@autismbrainnet.org

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