Dementia with Lewy Bodies (DLB) is one of the more common types of dementia in people over 65. Unfortunately, DLB is frequently MISDIAGNOSED as Alzheimer’s disease (AD). Accurate diagnosis is important for improving disease management.

The UCSD Shiley-Marcos Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center is conducting studies to improve diagnostic accuracy and track disease progression in anticipation of future clinical treatment studies.

Learn more about the CHANGES in your thinking

The Dementia with Lewy Bodies Program at the UCSD Shiley-Marcos Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center

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Could I have DLB?

If you or your loved one experiences memory loss AND
• Unusual visual experiences OR
• Movement problems OR
• Waxing and waning alertness

Please call Christina or Lynn at (858) 622-5803 for more information about Dementia with Lewy Bodies.

There is no charge for participation.

What will I do?

Tests of Visual Perception
Simple paper-pencil and computerized tests measure changes in visual thinking.

Evaluation of Memory
Tests of memory and other thinking skills monitor disease progression.

Neuroimaging of Brain Structure and Function
MRI, fMRI, and ultrasound quickly and painlessly capture your brain’s structure and functioning.

How do I benefit?

• You will have access to a wealth of information about DLB from leading researchers and health professionals
• You will be updated about new treatment trials
• You will receive copies of your brain images and cognitive evaluations at no cost to you

What is being studied?

Joanne M. Hamilton, PhD, is trying to understand why visual problems including hallucinations occur in DLB and how they relate to disease progression.

Mark W. Bondi, PhD, is examining what is causing the thinking problems associated with dementia by taking pictures of the brain while participants solve problems, look at pictures, and memorize lists.

Jim Brewer, MD, PhD, is studying whether newly developed brain imaging procedures can improve our ability to correctly diagnose different types of dementia.

Vince Filoteo, PhD, is studying whether measures of certain types of memory can identify people who are at greatest risk for rapid cognitive decline so that appropriate patients can be identified for future medication trials.

David Song, MD, PhD, is measuring changes in the brainstem of patients with DLB using a quick and easy ultrasound in the hope that these measurements can serve as biomarkers of the disease.