

The Effects of Long-Term Substance Use on the Brain

Curious about your brain during recovery? Research scientists at the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center are conducting a study on the effects of long-term substance use on the brain structures and function during recovery. The study procedures include questionnaires, cognitive testing, a blood draw, and a 2-hour MRI scan. All procedures take about 8-10 hours to complete in total, and flexible scheduling is available.

Eligibility: You may be eligible if you meet all the following conditions:

- Are currently in a substance abuse treatment program OR are beginning or continuing buprenorphine or methadone therapy
- Are between 25 and 69 years of age
- Do not have a major medical condition (e.g., type 1 diabetes, HIV, history of seizures or heart attacks), schizophrenia or bipolar disorder, PTSD, or severe claustrophobia

Compensation: \$30/hour (payment distributed by check)

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Expected to enroll until December 2020