Men Needed to Serve as Control Participants for Clinical Research Study about Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE)

CTE is a progressive degenerative brain disease associated with repetitive hits to the head, such as those experienced in football and other contact sports. Currently, CTE can only be diagnosed after death.

The major goal of this research project is to develop methods of diagnosing CTE during life, so interventions can be developed to help those diagnosed with this disease. The study will also examine risk factors for developing CTE. In addition to healthy control participants, the project is enrolling former NFL and college football players.

Participation will include:
A three day visit at one of the four study sites for: neurological, cognitive, mood, and behavior exams; advanced magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scans; positron emission tomography (PET) scans; collection of blood and saliva samples; and lumbar puncture (spinal tap). All travel expenses are covered. In addition, participants may receive up to $500 compensation.

You may be eligible if you:
- Are male between 45 and 74 years old
- Have NO history of participation in organized contact sports
- Are NOT diagnosed with brain disorders including dementia and depression
- Do NOT have problems with your memory, thinking, mood, or behavior

For more information or to find out if you are eligible to participate, contact Taylor Platt at Boston University
tel: 617-414-1193 or email: diagnose@bu.edu
Go to www.diagnoseCTE.com or scan the QR code with your smart phone for more information

This research study is supported by the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke of the National Institutes of Health (grant number U01NS093334)