

# University Of Oxford

## Research project information



**Easy Read**

# An invitation to take part in a project



**Would you like to help researchers who work for Oxford University with a research project?**



**Would you like to help them teach computers to look at peoples' faces so that it can help a doctor work out if a patient has a disease?**



If you said yes or you thought this sounded interesting please keep reading.



To be able to help with this project we need you to understand what the project is and what you will be asked to do.



This leaflet gives information about this project.

Please take time to read it carefully.



Talk to people you know and trust about the project

# Why are we doing this project?



When someone is unwell they might go to their doctor.



To help find out what is wrong with their patient a doctor will look at things like weight or blood to help them find the answers they need to help them help their patient get better.



Doctors also use their eyes to see if there are changes in their patient's body and face that could mean they are unwell.

We know that doctors can miss things just by using their eyes.



**We think computers can be used to help a doctor know if their patient has a disease.**



To find out if we are right we will show a computer many pictures of people to see if it can learn to find a disease just by looking at someone's face.

# Why have I been invited to take part?

There are 2 reasons why you have been invited.



1. You have a disease we think computers could learn to identify and help doctors diagnose other people.
2. You are related to someone who has a disease we think computers could learn to identify and help doctors diagnose other people.

## What do I need to do next?

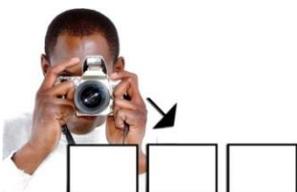
If you would like to take part in this project you need to do 3 things.



1. Create a user account on our website.  
This is a page on the internet which is about you.



2. Answer a short questionnaire which can be found in on website.



3. Have a photo of yourself put onto the computer and added to your user account.

# How will we use your information and photos?

Here are the different ways you can help us:



1. Help train computer programs to look at and tell us how someone's face might change if they have a disease.



2. Link your information and photos to other people in your family who have also agreed to take part.

This will help us teach the computer how faces are different within families.



3. Use your face as an example case for our computer programs to show your specific disease.

This will help us find other people with similar diseases.



4. Share your results of the project with other scientists and people who work in medicine.

## How will you look after your information and photos?



We will store your information and photos on the secure Oxford University computer servers.

Our computers are very safe

BUT



If they were broken into it is possible that the information and photos you give us could be stolen and shared with other people.



If this happened we would get the police involved.



Before you decide to take part in this project, it is really important to think about what it would mean for you if your information and photos were taken by someone else.

## Would you ever share my information without asking me?



We will only use your information and photos in the way that you ask us to.

We will always ask you if it is ok to share your information or photos with other people.

If we are worried about your safety we may share your information or photos without asking if it is ok.



## What if I change my mind?



It is your choice to take part in this project.

You can choose to stop being part of the project at any time too.



You do not need to give us a reason why you want to change your information or leave the project and you do not need to tell us.



You can make the changes you need and want to make using the website.

## What If I chose to share my information and photos with other people?



There is one question that asks you to agree to your photo being shared with lots of people.

If you agree to this, you can change your mind only until your photo is shared.

After your photo is shared we cannot undo this.

This question is specially highlighted in the consent forms to alert you to the extra risk.



Even if you say yes and do not change your mind, we will contact you before we share your photo to check you are ok with your decision.

## What do you get for taking part in the project?

There is no direct benefit to you for taking part in this project.

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## Would you like to know more?

Please visit our website for more information about the research and also to sign up to participate.



[minervaandme.org](http://minervaandme.org)

## Comments or complaints

If you have any problems, comments or complaints, or you would like to know more please contact

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