

The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health is conducting a study in older adults with bipolar disorder examining the relationship between cognitive status and everyday functional abilities.

### Why is the study being conducted?

...To learn more about how bipolar disorder affects memory, attention, and other aspects of cognitive abilities (language, motor skills, problem-solving) in middle-aged and older adults, and how these cognitive abilities are related to the ability to do everyday activities, such as using the telephone, paying bills, or balancing a check book.

### Who can participate?

Participants must be -

- Age 50 years and above
- Meets DSM-IV TR criteria for a current diagnosis of Bipolar I or II Disorder
- Be able to speak and read English
- Be willing to provide informed consent
- Have corrected visual ability that enables reading of newspaper headlines and hearing capacity that is adequate to respond to a raised conversational voice

### What is involved

Participation will involve cognitive testing (tests of attention, memory). Subjects will be assessed after 1 and 2 years to track changes in cognitive abilities over 2 years.

-If you decide not to take part in this research study, you may obtain cognitive (thinking and memory) testing outside of this study

### Compensation

Subjects will receive a cash honorarium to compensate for the time spent in participating. Travel reimbursement will also be provided.

### To refer or find out more please contact-

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