

★ **When will we contact you?**

It will take approximately three years for us to examine all eligible participants. Some people will be contacted as early as May 2005, while others will be contacted by early 2008.

★ **Where will examinations be held?**

Examinations take place at 130 Warren Street, Beaver Dam. Free parking is located in front of the Warren Street building at entrance A.

After you schedule an appointment, we will send you a confirmation letter along with a map and directions to the study offices.



Using ultrasound to scan a carotid artery.

To help offset time and transportation expenses, study participants will receive a \$50.00 BP gasoline gift card.



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You are invited to participate in the Beaver Dam Offspring Study



Better Health for Future Generations

★ What is the Beaver Dam Offspring Study?

Funded by the National Institutes of Health, the Beaver Dam Offspring Study is a landmark research study to investigate hearing, vision, olfaction (sense of smell) and taste in children of participants in the Beaver Dam Eye Study and the Beaver Dam Epidemiology of Hearing Loss Study.

★ What does participation involve?

Our study staff will contact you to invite you to participate in a comprehensive examination. The examination will include the following.

Testing your:

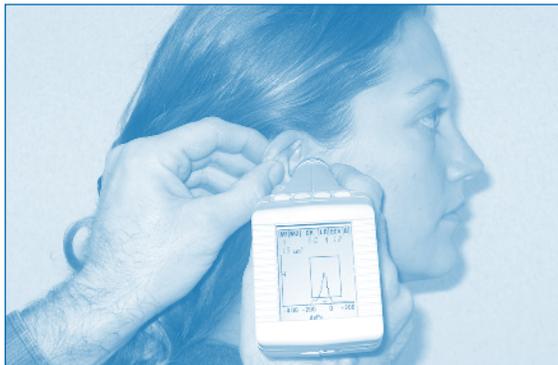
- ★ hearing
- ★ vision
- ★ smell
- ★ taste

Assessing your cardiovascular health by:

- ★ blood pressure measures
- ★ carotid artery ultrasound scan

Collecting blood samples for:

- ★ cholesterol
- ★ diabetes
- ★ genetic studies



Assessing middle ear function.

★ Who is eligible to participate?

All adult children of participants in the Beaver Dam Studies are eligible to participate in the Beaver Dam Offspring Study.

Your help may provide answers to health questions to benefit future generations!

★ Why do we need you?

Participation by all eligible offspring is important for the success of the study.

An essential part of the Beaver Dam Offspring Study is measuring sensory changes across generations. Due to the dedicated support of your parents in the Beaver Dam Studies, we have learned a great deal about factors related to health in the pre-World War II generation. The Beaver Dam Offspring Study, with your help, will allow us to evaluate health differences between generations. In addition, the study will provide important information on how genetic and changing environmental risk factors affect health.

Researchers around the world hold the results from the Beaver Dam Studies in high regard.



Measuring visual acuity.

★ How will your participation help?

Your participation will provide information to help:

- ★ identify changes in lifestyle and environmental factors that lead to better health;
- ★ understand how cardiovascular disease affects eye disease and hearing loss;
- ★ identify genes important in eye disease, cardiovascular disease, and hearing loss; and
- ★ predict future health care needs in the United States.

Researchers around the world hold the results from the Beaver Dam Studies in high regard. We are grateful your parents participated in the Beaver Dam Studies. Their dedication exceeded our highest expectations.

Now, we ask that you continue this legacy as we work to build on our knowledge of how family history and changes in everyday life impact our health. *You are invited to be part of this first population-based study!*