

Information for clinicians and participants

A psychotic disorder is a disorder causing a disturbance of information processing in the brain. Bipolar disorder is associated with period of elevated and lowered mood. Sometimes, psychotic episodes can also accompany bipolar episodes. These bipolar or psychotic complaints can be present in multiple members of the same nuclear or extended family. In the GEZIN study, we research the genetics and biological mechanism of both bipolar and psychotic disorder that affect multiple members in the same family. This way, we hope to gain more insight in the biology of these disorders and the ways in which they are transmitted genetically.

Participants for genetic study of bipolar disorder and psychotic disorders

Who are we looking for?

- People with the diagnosis bipolar disorder (manic-depression), schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder
- With one or more other (close or extended) family members who also have bipolar disorder or a psychotic disorder
- Especially those families where 4 or more family members have bipolar disorder or a psychotic disorder

What are the procedures?

The study consists of a clinical interview, several psychological tests, and a sample of your blood to obtain the DNA. This procedure is the same for participants and participating family members that either do have or do not have bipolar or a psychotic disorder. Every individual family is seen as a separate study. For every family, we will discuss the outcomes of the study with the participants. Participating in this study does not affect any current medical or psychiatric treatment.

Where does the study take place?

The study takes place in the Erasmus MC in Rotterdam, but it is possible that the researchers come to you.

Interested or want to know more?

If you are interested or want to know more about the study, you can contact Christian Bouwkamp (research coordinator) on telephone number +31 10 - 7030290 or write an e-mail to c.bouwkamp@erasmusmc.nl

Clinicians can become co-author of one of the GEZIN-study scientific articles

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