

## STUDY PARTICIPANTS WANTED FOR THE **ASSISTIVE DEVICE INTERVENTION STUDY (ADIS)**

We are looking for people to take part in a study that looks at the effect of assistive technology treatment (such as getting grab bars, walkers and reachers) on users and their caregivers.

Participants will get either immediate treatment or a 6-weeks delayed treatment. The treatment involves a detailed in-home assessment of the user's current assistive technology. This is followed by the creation of a personal assistive technology plan with the participant and his or her caregiver.

Participants in the study will receive up to 4 visits with an occupational therapist. The treatment may include up to \$250 worth of equipment, in addition to education, training and suggestions for home modifications.

Participants will get about 5 hours of intervention (1 hour and 15 minutes per visit) over a six week period. They will be evaluated for about 6 hours spread over a 6 months period (three or four 1.5 hour evaluation sessions).

Participants need to:

- Be 65 years of age or older,
- Have a physical disability,
- Receive 2 or more hours of help per week from a non-paid caregiver who is over 19 years of age and also willing to take part in the study,
- And be able to communicate verbally in English

We hope the results of this study will help service providers to give assistive technology treatments that are better for users and their caregivers. It may enable health-care providers to ask for better funding for equipment and follow-up services.

If you would like more information about the **ADIS** study, please contact:  
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