

Copper Ridge Project

ASSUREX HEALTH



THE PURPOSE

The study is trying to see if a genetic test (called GeneSight) is helpful in guiding clinician's selection of medications for dementia and psychosis or behavioral disturbances in the long-term care setting.

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Name of Project | The Copper Ridge Project (ARXI016)

Study Sponsor | Assurex Health

Total number of participants to-date | 18

Timeline of the project | 24 months

Funder | Assurex Health

Target population | Individuals with diagnosis of dementia

WHAT DID PEOPLE DO IF THEY WERE INVOLVED WITH THE PROJECT?

Participants engage in 5 study visits over the course of 12 weeks. At each study visit, participants are asked questions about their dementia and overall health.

THE PROCESS



WHAT DID PARTICIPANTS TAKE AWAY FROM THEIR INVOLVEMENT?

Study participants receive a copy of their GeneSight patient report. This report provides information on which commonly prescribed psychiatric medications may be most effective for them, based on their unique genomic profile. This information may assist individual's healthcare providers in treatment choices.

WHAT ISSUES OR FINDINGS WERE DISCOVERED DURING THE PROJECT?

Finding: No interim analysis has been completed. Findings will be available after the study has concluded.

Application for senior living professionals: Selecting the medication that is right for someone is often a challenge. But finding the appropriate medication may help avoid additional challenges that can lead to worsening behavioral disturbances, the need to change medications, and frustration for the patient and their caregivers. Pharmacogenomic testing may help provide answers by providing healthcare providers with information about the drugs and drug doses that are likely to work best for a particular person. Prescribing the medications that are most likely to work well for a patient could help improve the quality of life of the individual, as well as their caregivers.



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