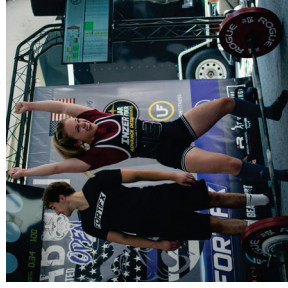


Congratulations to the Principal Investigator, Susan Wesmiller, PhD, RN, for being elected President of the International Society of Nurses in Genetics!



Congratulations also to our Project Director, Caroline, who recently won the Best Raw Female Lifter award at a big powerlifting competition in Pittsburgh. She competed in the 52kg weight class and her best lifts were a 265lb squat, 138lb bench press, and a 303lb deadlift!



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Study Overview

About

Thanks for being part of our study! We could not do this work without you. With your help, we hope to:

- ❖ Measure how nausea varies based on treatment.
- ❖ Identify symptoms and characteristics that may be related to nausea.
- ❖ Look at specific genes that could predict nausea.

In the long run, this research could inform the development of personalized treatment to control nausea in women with breast cancer.

FAQs

- ❖ How many women are in the study?
 - As of August 2021, we have 337 study participants!
- ❖ Should I stay in the study if I have not experienced treatment induced nausea and vomiting (TINV)?
 - Yes! We want to compare women who experience TINV to women who do not. So, your data is just as important as the data from women who do have TINV.

Study Updates

New Saliva Envelopes

You will notice that we are not using the old gray envelopes, but don't worry, you will see a new, more efficient pre-stamped and pre-addressed envelope for you to return your saliva samples.

Check out our new website, built specifically for you!

The website is COMPLETE! You can now visit the TINV website at tinvstudy.pitt.edu. You will be able to learn more about the study, meet the team, keep up to date on all important information, and so much more.

Continuation Study

If you have finished the first 12 months of the study, then you know that we are asking for study participants to continue to provide your data for two more years. THANKS to those who have already agreed to do so! You are amazing! The continuation study consists of just one additional saliva sample along with continued monthly phone calls or emails (your choice, like always!). We want to know how you are feeling, and what—if any—symptoms you continue to have. You will earn an additional \$150.00 for completion of the continuation study.

If you have any questions, please call or email us! Happy to have you back!

Study Updates

New Immunotherapy Study

We are so fortunate to have received a recent grant from the Oncology Nursing Society. In this study, we will explore symptoms experienced by our study participants who are treated with immunotherapies or targeted therapies, such as Herceptin, Perjeta, CDK inhibitors, Keytruda, and Kadcyta.

If you agree to participate in this additional part of our study, all we will ask is that you provide a single stool sample, which you would collect in the privacy of your own home.

The collection kit and return envelope will be mailed to you just like we have sent the saliva samples for the past years. Your stool sample will provide us what we need to measure changes in the gut microbiome. Did you know that your gut has more bacterial DNA than human DNA?

These microbiomes can tell an important part of the symptom story so we hope we can count on you! Your Vincent cards will be loaded with \$25.00 for this sample.

