



The WALLET Study: A Study of Memory Change and Money Management

Because the links between early memory loss and a decline in wealth are on the rise, the WSU Institute of Gerontology is seeking to interview older adults aged 60+ who have received a diagnosis of Mild Cognitive Impairment or believe their memory to be declining.

The interview will examine financial decision making and financial management as well as completion of cognitive tests and other measures. A review of financial records from a primary checking account and credit card account will be included. We anticipate the interview to take two hours and will be scheduled at your convenience.



If interested, contact Vanessa Rorai, MSW at 313-664-2604 or vrorai@wayne.edu

Participants will be compensated

All financial records will be de-identified and information kept confidential

Interviews will take place over the telephone



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Principle Investigator and Director
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The WALLET Study: Wealth Accumulations & Later-life Losses in Early cognitive Transitions.

What to expect if you participate in the study:

- 1. Vanessa Rorai will ask you screening questions to determine if you are eligible to participate in the study.
- 2. If you are eligible, Vanessa will send you our consent form that describes in detail all aspects of the study for your review.
- 3. After you review the consent form and agree to participate, Vanessa will begin the process of obtaining 12-months of bank statements.
- 4. Once Vanessa receives the bank statements she will completely de-identify all bank records. She will then contact you to schedule two interviews. The interviews can be done via telephone or video call. Interviews are scheduled based on your availability and typically within a week of receiving the bank statements.
- 5. The first interview is with Vanessa, it will take approximately 45 minutes. She will ask questions about your physical and mental health, feelings of stress, and how you are organized financially.
- 6. The second interview is with Peter Lichtenberg, it will take approximately 1 hour. He will ask more in-depth questions about financial decision-making, financial management, and your cognitive health.
- 7. After the interviews are completed, Vanessa will send you a compensation form to sign. Once she receives the signed form we will mail you a check for \$100 and your participation in the study is complete.