The Florida Brain Bank is supported by the Department of Elder Affairs through its Alzheimer’s Disease Initiative. Sites participating in this program include:

South Florida Region:
The Wien Center
305-674-2018 or 305-674-2543

Tampa Region:
The Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr. Alzheimer’s Center & Research Institute
(813) 866-1600

Central Florida Region:
Alzheimer’s Resource Center
407-843-1910 Ext. 308 or 800-330-1910 Ext. 308

East Central Florida Region:
East Central Florida Memory Disorder Clinic
321-768-9575, PAGER: 321-690-9416

Panhandle Region:
West Florida Hospital Memory Disorder Clinic
850-494-6498

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Participants must be pre-registered.
In a move to help families of individuals with Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias, the State of Florida, through its Alzheimer’s Disease Initiative, formed the Brain Bank in 1987. Its purpose is to study the brains of individuals with progressive dementia, to provide the family with a definitive diagnosis, and to acquire brain tissue for research. Through a network of researchers we share common goals of finding a cure, improving diagnostic tools and treatment options, and providing education.

As members of the Brain Bank team, we realize that choosing to participate in this program may be a difficult decision even if your family member is an organ donor. We are sensitive to your concerns and are here to help you with this decision.

At present, the only way to get an accurate diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease or related dementia disorders is a brain autopsy at the time of death. The diagnoses are a critical piece of your family’s medical history and will become important to your children and grandchildren as new treatments become available.

Only by your participation in the Brain Bank program will our researchers have the brain tissue required to learn the causes of the numerous dementias. With your decision to become a part of the Brain Bank program, there is hope that these diseases will become preventable or at least treatable in the near future.

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It is important to plan ahead as a comprehensive application must be completed and medical records collected, especially from the neurologist and/or other specialists who made the initial diagnosis. This process takes time but the information is necessary for the neuropathologist to determine the final diagnoses in each case and also to provide supporting information for research. Upon the death of the patient a final pathology report will be provided to the family and the patient’s physicians and the brain tissue will become available to researchers worldwide.

A caregiver’s words:

“Thank you for giving my mother her last hoorah, a gift to science, a gift to our future.”