

# Autism scientists seek more brains to aid research

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(AP)—Autism scientists are seeking more brain samples for research.

They announced Thursday a new network collecting brain specimens around the country. They say the more they get, the better the chances of finding better ways to treat the [developmental disorder](#).

So far the network has four sites: Mount Sinai medical school in New York, the University of California in Davis, the University of Texas Southwestern in Dallas, and McLean Hospital near Boston.

A freezer malfunction damaged many of that Harvard-affiliated hospital's specimens. Neuroscientist Robert Ring of the [advocacy group](#) Autism Speaks says the network was planned before that.

Ring says the network has more than 6,000 people signed up to be donors after death. Brains from people with [autism](#) and without are needed.

**More information:** Autism tissue program:  
[www.autismtissueprogram.org](http://www.autismtissueprogram.org)

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