Information Sheet for Research Study:
Psychosocial Health and Facial Nerve Disorder (FIND)

In the FIND project, we are researching the psychological health (feelings and social relationships) of people with facial nerve disorders. The facial nerve allows the muscles in the face to make facial expressions, such as smiles and frowns. Damage to the facial nerve can cause paralysis in some or all of the muscles of the face. This kind of paralysis can affect one or both sides of the face and causes some people to feel uncomfortable or nervous in social settings. If you have difficulty moving one side of your face, and that difficulty is not due to a brain injury such as a stroke, you may be able to participate in the FIND study. We are specifically interested in men and women ages 18-65 who have paralysis on one side of the face. The head researcher for the FIND project is Dr. Karen Schmidt. For more information on this study, please contact Rachel Levenstein at 412-624-5432 or 412-624-3889 or by email at rml1@pitt.edu. You will receive compensation for your participation in this study.