



Massachusetts
Eye and Ear



Researchers at Massachusetts Eye and Ear
are conducting a study on

**SPASMODIC DYSPHONIA
VOICE TREMOR
VOCAL FOLD NODULES**

Purpose of this research study:

To examine the effects of a novel drug, sodium oxybate, Xyrem®, on voice symptoms and brain activity in patients with spasmodic dysphonia, voice tremor, or vocal fold nodules

You may qualify if

- You are right-handed native English speaking individual between 18 and 80 years of age
- You have spasmodic dysphonia, voice tremor or vocal fold nodules
- You wish to participate in a novel treatment study that may help voice symptoms
- You wish to participate in the brain functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) study

You may not qualify if

- You have a history of other major neurological, psychiatric or voice problems

Place and Time

The outpatient research study will be conducted at Massachusetts Eye and Ear in Boston, MA, and may require up to 4 visits that will last up to 6 hours each.

Cost

There is no cost for your participation in the study or any tests associated with this research. At the completion of the study, you will be reimbursed for your time in the amount of up to \$200 in the form of a *ClinCard*, which is a re-loadable debit card for the compensation payments to volunteers. Your travel costs to Massachusetts Eye & Ear and required lodging for the duration of this study may be reimbursed.

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