

Discovery: Cardiovascular study

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For more than 50 years, the Framingham heart study has helped with the prevention of heart disease. The third generation of the study looks to further understand how genetic factors relate to this disease. Objectives of the third generation study are:

1. identification of genes that contribute to the disease
2. identifying new disease risk, especially those related to lifestyle
3. developing new imaging tests that can detect disease earlier

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