

Mayo Clinic Minute

Mayo Clinic Brain Bank

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	So, she was actually above average in other areas, but only had memory problems.
	The goal of this investigation will be to find out why.
DENNIS DICKSON, M.D.	I think the most important thing about the brain bank is closure.
	Dr. Dennis Dickson is the neuropathology director at the Mayo Clinic Brain Bank.
DENNIS DICKSON, M.D.	You can actually see ...
	He works to ensure the family behind each brain donation gets a final answer about their loved one.
Title: DENNIS DICKSON, M.D. NEUROPATHOLOGY DIRECTOR Mayo Clinic Brain Bank	The family benefits from knowledge, and, as we learn more about the disease, then the whole population of individuals that are affected by the disease benefit from it, as well.
	Research on thousands of brain samples has already revealed important insight into Alzheimer's disease.
	We also dissect the brain in a very specific and particular manner.
Graphic: MAYO CLINIC BRAIN BANK (reveal) Alzheimer's disease (reveal) Lewy body dementia (reveal) Parkinson's disease (reveal) Lou Gehrig's disease	Brain bank questions are being asked about Lewy body dementia, Parkinson's and Lou Gehrig's disease, and other, less common neurodegenerative disorders.

DENNIS DICKSON, M.D.	The ultimate goal of all of our studies is to come up with better ways to diagnose and ultimately to treat these incurable neurodegenerative disease processes.
	That's why Dr. Dickson says this is more than a physical organ donation.
DENNIS DICKSON, M.D.	It's a gift of knowledge.
Graphic: newsnetwork.mayoclinic.org	For the Mayo Clinic News Network, I'm Jeff Olsen.