

Working with the REACT study was my first time being a participant in clinical research, and it was a really enjoyable experience. Getting to know the researchers, experiencing an MRI, and seeing the 'behind the scenes' of scientific research were all highlights. I also really liked the way Meghan Slattery, NP, put participation in this project into context, saying that even though you're only one person, your enrollment in the study not only contributes to whatever meaningful results the REACT study discovers, but also to the future research that other institutions and people undertake to build on the results of the REACT study – meaning that participation in the study has the potential to positively impact lots of people beyond yourself! Contributing to that kind of impact – and especially to female-specific research, a historically under-researched area – was important to me, and I'm very grateful to have had the chance to participate in the study.