

INFORMATION SHEET FOR HEALTHY CONTROL VOLUNTEERS

What is the purpose of this research study?

We are conducting a research study to find the causes of adolescent and childhood onset epilepsies. We know these kinds of epilepsy run in families and we want to learn more about how these and other forms of epilepsy and seizure disorders are inherited. By finding the genes, we hope in the future to find cures for these and other types of epilepsy.

Why are we asking for healthy volunteers?

To find out what genes are different in people who have epilepsy from those who do not, we need to be able to compare patients with epilepsy to people who do not have epilepsy. That is the reason we are asking healthy individuals to provide a sample of their DNA.

What do we ask from the volunteers?

If you are interested in helping us in this research study and agree to volunteer, you will be asked to collect 5 ml (about 1 teaspoon) of saliva in a special container that we will supply. Saliva will be used to extract DNA (the genetic material) for comparing with epilepsy patients. The DNA will be stored in the laboratory of the principal investigator, Dr. David A. Greenberg at the Columbia University Genome Center until it is used up.



Is participation confidential?

Your participation will remain anonymous. No personal identification information will be collected. Only your age, sex, country of origin of your ancestors and ethnic information will be stored with your numbered sample. We are not doing genetic testing, therefore the results of this research study will not allow us to know if somebody may have a gene for any disease. Nobody, not even you, will be able to link this information to you.

Is participation voluntary?

Your participation is completely voluntary.

Are volunteers paid for this study?

You will not be paid for volunteering in this research study.

Is there any cost involved in participation?

There is no cost to volunteers for participating in this study.

Information

We are giving you this information sheet for you to keep. Get more information on our web page:

<http://geneticsofepilepsy.org/>

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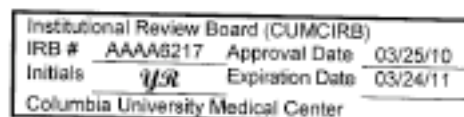
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