

Genes in Inherited Neurologic Disorders Study #HUM00041414

Dr. Burmeister at the University of Michigan is recruiting individuals with ataxia for the research study Genes in Inherited Neurological Disorders. This study is designed to find what and how changes in the genetic material (DNA) cause inherited neurologic disorders, such as ataxia. We are recruiting individuals with inherited ataxia, their affected relatives (such as a brother or sister, a cousin, or a parent), and their unaffected family members, where possible. We are currently recruiting persons with an unknown form of ataxia, so at least one affected in your family should first be tested for the most common known causes of ataxia and found to be negative. We are recruiting both subjects with or without other affected family members.

In this study, you will be asked to provide information about your symptoms and diagnosis, if other relatives are similarly affected, and about your ethnic background. You will also be asked to donate a blood sample (up to 8 teaspoons of blood) for DNA testing and related experiments. The blood sample can be drawn by your local physician; you will not need to travel to the University of Michigan.

The lab has already identified several novel ataxia genes, and additional cases with newer known ataxia genes as well as mutations in genes causing other diseases involving ataxia and other, seemingly unrelated, symptoms such as tooth problems, although most subjects in our study have ataxia as main symptom.

More detailed information about this study is available in the consent forms: Affected Subjects Consent, Unaffected Relatives Consent.

If you would like further information or are interested in participating, please contact:

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