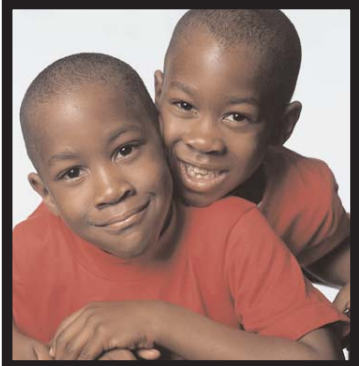


Studies in Families with Twins or Siblings Discordant for Systemic Rheumatic Disorders



Doctors at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) are conducting pioneering research in understanding the genetic and environmental risk factors that may result in autoimmune diseases. The goal of study 03-E-0099 is to assess why one twin or sibling developed disease and why the other brother or sister did not. The study consists of a blood draw, urine collection and completing surveys. Both children and adults are eligible. There is no charge for study-related evaluations and medical tests at the NIH. Compensation provided for both participants and referring physician.

You may qualify if:

- You have rheumatoid arthritis/juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, scleroderma or myositis.
- You were diagnosed within the last 4 years.
- You have a twin or sibling of the same gender within 4 years of age.

Duration of Study:

- Five years with an annual questionnaire.

Location of the Study:

- Locally with the help of your physicians or at the NIH Clinical Center in Bethesda, MD.

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