



# DO YOU HAVE AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE?

The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) in Bethesda, Maryland, is conducting a study for families with siblings or twins in which one sibling has developed an autoimmune disease and the other has not. The goal of this research study is to understand the genetic and environmental factors that may result in autoimmune diseases.

## You may be eligible if you or your child has:

1. Adult or juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, scleroderma, or myositis diagnosed within the last five years.
2. A sibling or twin of the same gender, within five years of your age, without an autoimmune disease.

## Study facts:

- Both children and adults are eligible to participate.
- The sibling pair is essential to participate in the study. Parents may also be included.
- You may enroll at your local doctor's office, the Clinical Center at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, or at the NIEHS Clinical Research Unit in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina.
- There is no charge for study-related evaluations and tests.
- Compensation is available.
- Patients remain under the care of their personal physicians while participating in this research study.



## For more information about this study, call:

**Toll-free: 800-411-1222**

**TTY: 866-411-1010**

**Refer to study #03-E-0099**

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