

# 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 (the genetic material).

## Is participation voluntary?

Your participation is completely voluntary.

## 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 provide us with a sample of saliva in a special container that we will supply. Saliva will be used to extract DNA for comparing with that of patients with epilepsy. This comparison does not allow for identification of individual donors.

## Is participation confidential?

Your participation will remain anonymous. No personal identification information will be collected. Your sample will be numbered and coded. Only your age, sex, country of origin and ethnic information will be written in your sample. Nobody, not even you, will be able to link this information to you. We are not doing genetic testing therefore we will not be able to know if somebody may have a gene for any disease.

## 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. If you have any questions or would like to know more about the study, please call Dr. David A. Greenberg at: 212-342-0488.

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