# **Environmental Causes of Infertility**

## Part of the Environmental Exposure and Injury Study

Conducted by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), the goal of this study is to identify and understand how environmental exposures can alter uterine function in women and may result in infertility and disease.

Blood samples, including a menstrual blood sample, will be collected and may be used to measure a range of different factors including proteins, hormones, toxic substances, dietary factors, and chemicals.

#### Who can participate?

- Women who have been diagnosed with endometriosis and/or infertility.
- Are not pregnant.
- Ages 18-35.
- Can have regular or irregular menstrual cycles.

### What is required?

- One visit to the NIEHS Clinical Research Unit to donate blood and answer medical questionnaires.
- NIEHS will give you a free take-home kit for the collection of a menstrual blood sample at home.

#### What are the advantages for participants?

Compensation of \$55 paid after samples are received.

#### Who is running the study?

A team led by researchers Stavros Garantziotis, M.D. and Franco Demayo, Ph.D. at the NIEHS Clinical Research Unit in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina.

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