



# Do you have an autoimmune disease?

A study is being conducted for families with siblings or twins in which one sibling has developed a systemic autoimmune disease and the other sibling does not have an autoimmune disease. The goal of this research study is to understand the genetic and environmental factors that may result in autoimmune diseases. Compensation is available.

## Who can participate?

- Participation requires siblings of the same gender — one sibling diagnosed in the last five years with adult or juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, scleroderma, or myositis, and one brother or sister who does NOT have an autoimmune disease.
- Twins are encouraged to participate, but siblings within five years age difference may also join.

## What is required?

- The sibling pair is essential to participate in the study. Biological parents are also encouraged to participate.
- You may enroll at the Clinical Center at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland; the NIEHS Clinical Research Unit in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina; or your local doctor's office.
- There is no charge for study-related evaluations and tests.
- Patients remain under the care of their personal physicians while participating in this research study.

## Who is running the study?

- The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS).

## For more information:

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