

Molecular Genetic Studies of Degenerative Disorders

UCLA researchers are seeking individuals with **Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy** and their family members to participate in a research study funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) & California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM).

We want to biopsy skin and/or draw blood to create permanent cell lines for laboratory studies of cells. We will convert the skin biopsy sample into a stem cell lines and make muscle cells in culture, which will permit researchers to have valuable tools to explore the causes of muscular dystrophy and research new therapies.

All ages may participate

To participate, individuals must complete and return informed consent form, available on request from Dr. Nelson. Individuals may be requested to either have skin biopsy performed to remove 3mm of skin and/or have blood draw performed to provide genomic DNA for gene sequencing. Estimated time of participation is 1 hour, and both procedures can typically be performed locally with shipment of samples to UCLA

If you are interested, please contact

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