

# FRIEDREICH ATAXIA CELLULAR DYSFUNCTION SAMPLE STUDY

## CALL FOR TISSUE SAMPLES IN INDIVIDUALS WITH FRIEDREICH ATAXIA: UPCOMING SURGICAL PROCEDURE OR EXISTING TISSUE

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### WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF THIS RESEARCH STUDY?

The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) is recruiting individuals with Friedreich ataxia (FRDA) who are planning to have a surgical procedure performed. These surgical procedures can include things like scoliosis surgery and tendon transfer surgery. We are also looking for patients with FA who have had biopsies performed in the past at other hospitals. The purpose of this study is to collect extraneous and leftover samples from past and upcoming biopsies and surgical procedures to further study cellular dysfunction associated with FA.

### WHAT WILL PARTICIPANTS BE ASKED TO DO?

- **Medical History:** Participants will be asked to provide limited medical history information including age, sex, GAA repeat length, and age of symptom onset

We are interested in obtaining extra skin and muscle tissue that would otherwise have been discarded during a planned surgery or that is currently being stored. Therefore, there are no additional tests or procedures involved in this study.

### I WANT TO TAKE PART! WHO DO I CALL?

If you are interested in having leftover tissue or existing stored samples sent to CHOP, please contact the study team at (267) 426-7584 or contact the PI Dr. David Lynch to learn more about the study and to see if you may be eligible to participate.

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