

Call for Patients with Friedreich ataxia with upcoming surgical procedure or existing tissue

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The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) is recruiting patients with Friedreich ataxia (FA) 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.

We have a protocol in place at CHOP that allows us to collect extraneous and leftover samples from past and upcoming biopsies and surgical procedures to further study cellular dysfunction associated with FA. Specifically, 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.

We will also be collecting limited medical history information from patients, including age, sex, GAA repeat length, and age of symptom onset.

If a patient is interested in having leftover tissue or existing stored samples sent to CHOP, please contact us or pass this flyer on to your surgical team so that we can coordinate the details of this request.

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Call or email the study coordinator below to learn more about the study and if you may be eligible to participate.

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Thank you for your ongoing support of clinical research in Friedreich ataxia.