



Doctors at the National Institutes of Health are conducting pioneering research in understanding the genetic and environmental risk factors that may result in autoimmune diseases. The goal of study 03-E-0099 is to assess why one sibling or twin in a family developed an autoimmune disease and why the other brother or sister did not. The study consists of a blood draw, urine collection and completing surveys. There is no charge for evaluations and medical tests at the NIH. Compensation is provided for both participants and their referring physician.

You may qualify if:

- You have rheumatoid arthritis/juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, scleroderma or myositis.
- You were diagnosed within the last 4 years.
- You have a twin or sibling of the same gender within 4 years of age without an autoimmune disease.



Both children and adults are eligible.

Duration of study:

- Five years with an annual questionnaire.

Location of the Study:

- You may be enrolled in your local doctor's office or at the NIH Clinical Center in Bethesda, MD.

