



Purpose of the study

Not all cases of CHARGE Syndrome are caused by mutations in the *CHD7* gene. We are interested in finding new genetic causes of CHARGE.

Participation Requirements

1. At least one individual in the family must have clinical features of CHARGE Syndrome.
2. Adults and children of any developmental age can participate (we have cheek swabs for individuals who may have difficulty producing enough saliva).

Nature of participation

We are collecting saliva samples from individuals with CHARGE Syndrome and their parents and siblings. DNA is collected from the saliva samples and sequenced. We are also asking families to participate in a CHARGE Syndrome database so we can obtain clinical information to understand the natural history of CHARGE Syndrome.

Time involved

The requirements to participate in this genetic study can be completed in a single session of approximately 30 minutes at our booth during the conference. Each family will be asked to complete a clinical history questionnaire (15 - 20 minutes), and each participating family member will be asked to donate a saliva sample (5 - 10 minutes).

Contact information

If you have any questions regarding this genetic study, please visit our booth during the conference or contact Dr. Donna Martin, Dr. Stephanie Bielas or Mr. Jacob Ogle at 734.647.8852/MichiganCHARGEresearch@med.umich.edu .