

*Family Research: The Hope For Tomorrow*  
**Families with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder**  
**are invited to help scientists learn more about the causes of OCD**

A team of investigators at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine has been studying the occurrence of Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) in families. OCD may have its onset at a young age and it can be benign or extremely disabling. While many treatments have proven effective, we still need to learn more about this disorder. It is critical to learn about the biological basis of OCD to further improve treatments.

At Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, we are now investigating genetic factors which may increase the susceptibility to OCD. Everyday we are coming closer to understanding the complexities of OCD. We are seeking help from families with OCD to help us conduct these studies. With your help, there is hope for better treatments tomorrow.

**HOW YOU CAN HELP!!**

Families having **TWO OR MORE** relatives with OCD are invited to participate in the study. Participants will be given a confidential psychiatric interview and if possible we would like to obtain a small sample of blood. The interview will be conducted at a place and time convenient for you. Confidentiality of all information is assured. Families may be referred by a clinician or may contact us. Each participant's help is vital and it brings us one step closer to getting crucial answers.

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