

THANK YOU PGC !!!

A heartfelt thanks to all of the wonderful PGC families who have participated in our research study, "Modifiers of Outcome in Classic Galactosemia." We now have more than 160 volunteers enrolled... wow! It has been a joy getting to know so many of you and your families; you are an inspiration. Thank you for welcoming us into your lives.

In addition to thanking those who have already participated, we would also like to invite other families touched by galactosemia to consider participating; we hope to recruit at least 100 new volunteers. All study participants will receive free GALT genotyping, and girls and women will also receive free FSH and AMH measurements. To learn more about the significance of FSH and AMH levels, please see our recent publication "Biomarkers of ovarian function in girls and women with classic galactosemia" which is in press in Fertility and Sterility (2008 Aug 4, Epub ahead of print).

We would also like to ask those who have already participated to consider sending repeat blood samples whenever clinical blood draws are scheduled; we are happy to help arrange for a coordinated blood draw so there is no need for an extra needle stick. These repeat samples are extremely valuable because they allow us to follow critical markers over time, to see which ones change and which ones do not. These "longitudinal" studies are especially important when the volunteer is a child or teen.

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