

Douglas Stewart, M.D., a medical geneticist at the National Institutes of Health, is investigating differences in disease severity among individuals and families with neurofibromatosis type 1 (NF1). The purpose of the study is to look at the genetic differences among individuals with NF1 to understand why some people with NF1 have more severe disease than other people, also with NF1. Individuals age 16 years and older diagnosed with NF1 may be eligible to participate in this study. Participants can either be the first member of their family affected or have a family history of the disease. Parents and affected siblings will also be invited to participate. The study will include a two-day visit to the NIH Clinical Center for a genetics evaluation, MRI of the spine, photography and a blood draw. Medical evaluations will be free of charge and funding is available for travel expenses.

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