

## Neuropsychiatric Aspects of VCFS/DiGeorge Syndrome

Drs. Kucherlapati and Finn of the Department of Genetics are conducting a VCFS research study at Massachusetts General Hospital and Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts.

This study is looking at the relationship between changes in genes and psychiatric and neurological conditions seen in patients with VCFS/DiGeorge Syndrome. We are looking for adults over the age of 18 with VCFS who are interested in participating in a research study.

Participation would involve a visit to the hospital, where an MRI scan of the brain will be completed, as well as a standardized psychiatric interview. At the visit, patients with VCFS will have a physical examination, a review of their medical and family history, and a blood sample collection. Participants will receive compensation for study participation, as well as reimbursement for travel expenses. In addition, results of the MRI and psychiatric assessment will be made available. We hope that the results of this study will help us understand VCFS and provide better care to these patients in the future.

For more information about this study, please contact the study coordinator, Erica Tworog-Dube, M.S., C.G.C., at 617-525-4490 or [etworog-dube@partners.org](mailto:etworog-dube@partners.org).

### **Posting to websites, listservs, and meetings:**

**NSGC newsletter and listserv**

**VCFS family member listserv**

**Chromosome 22 Central website**

**VCFS Educational Foundation website**

**Genetics meetings – Annual basis**

**Harvard Partners Center for Genetics and Genomics website**