



VASCULITIS
CLINICAL
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The VCRC
Longitudinal Study for
**Polyarteritis
Nodosa**

What is a longitudinal study?

A longitudinal study follows patients over an extended period of time to look at changes in individuals.

Information is collected on a regular basis and studied by research scientists to find new ways

to track disease and predict who will respond to different treatments, to study the genetics and causes of vasculitis, to understand how best to treat patients, and much more.

The Longitudinal Study is not a drug study but it may lead to development of new treatments.

Why participate?

By participating in the Longitudinal Study you will help researchers better understand Polyarteritis Nodosa and work toward developing more effective and safer therapies.

What does this study involve?

If you are eligible and decide to participate in this study, you will be asked to come to a clinical center on a regular basis to meet with a physician, to answer medical questions, and to provide blood and urine samples.

The study will last for several years.

Who qualifies?

You must have a confirmed diagnosis of Polyarteritis Nodosa and be willing to be seen for study visits at one of the VCRC study sites.

What is a study visit?

During a study visit, you will meet with a study physician, a study coordinator, and a research nurse. Medical information will be collected and a physical exam conducted. The research nurse will collect blood and urine specimens from you. On some study visits, you will only have blood and urine collected and will not meet with the physician or study coordinator (these visits may be shorter).

Where will the study take place? How do I participate?

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