

HOFFMAN-TILT CHEMICAL INTOLERANCE REPOSITORY

RESEARCH INFORMATIONAL SHEET

This information sheet provides you with an overview of the research. Please read the information and let us know if you are interested in participating.

1. What are we studying?

The Hoffman-TILT research team is dedicated to investigating the cause, frequency, associated diseases, and other research aspects related to Chemical Intolerance (CI). We are creating a data and specimen repository and we would like to invite you to participate by answering a series of surveys with the purpose of assessing if you have chemical intolerance. Gathering the information from your surveys, whether you have CI or not, will allow us to direct you to available research studies that better suit your CI status.

2. What are we asking you to do?

If you accept participating in this project, we will ask you to provide us with your email address. We will email you a link so that you complete a series of surveys online. If you prefer, we can send you paper copies of these surveys by mail. Surveys include two questionnaires to assess chemical intolerance (BREESI and QEESI), one demographic, one vitamin B12 deficiency, and an exposure history. There may be other questionnaires in future projects.

In previous studies, we have asked participants to provide us with saliva, urine, and blood samples. Depending on the study, we may ask you, at a later time, to also provide us with biological specimens. You will be appropriately informed about the risks, if any, of donating and collecting a biological specimen. The research team mails the specimen collection kits, or we will refer you to a certified laboratory in case we would need a blood sample. All tests will be done at no cost to you.

3. How much time will you spend on the study?

Completing the surveys online may take you between one to two hours; however, the online platform allows you to stop at any time and continue answering the surveys at your own pace and convenience. If you prefer using paper surveys, we can mail them to you and you can take your time to complete them. After reviewing your surveys, we will contact you and let you know available research projects to better match your interests for your consideration.

4. What are the potential benefits and risks of the study?

You may obtain no direct benefit from the participating in this repository study. However, this may change depending on specific projects you decide to participate in. There may be minimal risks from participating in this project, for example, a bruise after drawing blood; however, measures have been taken to protect your integrity and privacy and make this possibility unlikely.

If you need more information before making a decision, please contact Jessica Hernandez, Research Assistant by email at Hernandezjf@uthscsa.edu or by phone at 210-214-3478.