

## Friedreich's Ataxia Patients needed for cardiac research study

- What: This research project will focus on how the heart is affected in patients with FA. Using a noninvasive test called a cardiac magnetic resonance imaging (CMR), we can measure the blood supply, iron content, and function of the heart. A special blood test is also done to measure iron.
- Who: Patients must be  $\geq 18$  years of age and must be able to provide informed consent.  
Patients must have confirmed diagnosis of Friedreich's ataxia.  
No use of cardiac medications or idebenone at time of enrollment.  
No contraindication to MRI.
- Where: The Ohio State University Medical Center  
Richard M. Ross Heart Hospital  
Columbus, Ohio
- When: Call for more information and to make an appointment

*You will be compensated for your participation!!!  
(\$100 after completing the visit)*

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