



Dear Patient,

You have alpha-1-antitrypsin deficiency (ATD) with liver involvement (i.e. cirrhosis and its complications) and have been referred to Robert H. Squires, MD, and the Liver Study team at UPMC. Your doctor's office contacted us indicating that you are interested in learning more about our Alpha-1 Research Study, which evaluates the effects and effectiveness of carbamazepine (CBZ) on ATD.

Dr. Squires or a member of the study team will call to discuss the Alpha-1 Study and answer your questions about participation. If you chose to participate, you must first complete the screening visit before you can enroll.

What to expect during screening:

- Review of the Informed Consent Form
- Medical History Review
- Physical Exam
- Blood Work
- EKG
- Abdominal Ultrasound
- Liver Biopsy

The screening and future study visits will be done at either:

UPMC Montefiore, 3459 Fifth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. (Visit www.upmc.com/montefiore for driving directions.)

or

UPMC Presbyterian, 200 Lothrop St., Pittsburgh, PA 15213. (For directions, visit www.upmc.com/presbyterian and click on the Directions & Parking link under "Find if Fast.")

Dr. Squires and the study team will also keep your doctor informed of your progress.

Find more information online at www.chp.edu/liverstudy or contact the Liver Study team at 1-855-428-2281. We can also be reached by email at liverstudy@chp.edu.

We look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

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