



# The Rheumatic Heart Disease Genetics Study

A study is being conducted to test how genetics plays a role in developing Rheumatic Heart Disease (RHD) which is the principal cause of valve disease in South Africa. The disease predominantly affects children and young adults and it is estimated that RHD may be responsible for 1.4 million deaths annually worldwide.

## YOU ARE INVITED...

### WE ARE LOOKING FOR HEALTHY CONTROL PARTICIPANTS

**18 years or older with no history or family history of heart disease.**

The study involves:

1. A single clinical examination
2. Includes a heart scan
3. Taking of a blood sample for DNA analysis.

**Venue: UCT Clinical Research Centre**

**Time: 09:00-13:00**

**Dates : September 2014**

**Day: ON THURSDAY ONLY**

For information in confidence, with no obligation to participate, please contact :

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