

# Australian Genomics & Mito Foundation Genetic Testing Partnership

We are pleased to announce that, in partnership with the [Australian Genomics Health Alliance](#) (Australian Genomics), a new research opportunity for people with suspected mitochondrial disease has become available.

Through this research project, individuals who meet the appropriate entry criteria can gain access to state-of-the-art genetic testing for mitochondrial disease. The purpose of this study is to evaluate new molecular technologies (tests) which look for changes in your DNA (genetic code) responsible for causing mitochondrial disease. The results of this study will help determine the most effective approach to the diagnosis of mitochondrial disease and will hopefully aid earlier intervention and improved outcomes for patients and families with these disorders.

[Click here](#) for more information on Australian Genomics.

This Australia-wide project will run for about two years from 2016. To be eligible, you will need to be referred to one of the following specialist clinics to determine if you meet the entry criteria for the study:

## ***New South Wales and the ACT***

### **Paediatric referrals:**

Dr Shanti Balasubramaniam  
Genetic Metabolic Disorders Service  
Children's Hospital at Westmead  
Cnr Hawkesbury Road & Hainsworth Street  
Westmead, NSW

Phone: 02 9845 3654

*Please note: Only referrals by a specialist paediatrician or paediatric sub-specialty will be accepted at this clinic.*

### **Adult referrals:**

Dr Michel Tchan  
Department of Genetic Medicine

Westmead Hospital  
Hawkesbury Road, Westmead NSW 2145

Telephone: 02 8890 9780

Fax: 02 88909789

Email: [michel.tchan@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:michel.tchan@health.nsw.gov.au)

*Please note: A referral must come from a physician, with all details of prior investigations included.*

## **Queensland**

### **Paediatric and adult referrals:**

Prof David Coman  
Lady Cilento Hospital and Wesley Hospital  
501 Stanley St,  
South Brisbane QLD 4101

Email: [david.coman@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:david.coman@health.qld.gov.au) or [enquiries@drdavidcoman.com.au](mailto:enquiries@drdavidcoman.com.au)

*Please note: Only referrals by a neurologist or a specialist paediatrician will be accepted at this clinic.*

## **South Australia and Northern Territory**

### **Paediatric referrals:**

Dr Nick Smith  
Department of Neurology and Clinical Neurophysiology  
Women's and Children's Hospital  
Level 2, Clarence Rieger Building  
Women's and Children's Hospital  
72 King William Road  
North Adelaide SA 5006

Email: [nicholas.smith@health.sa.gov.au](mailto:nicholas.smith@health.sa.gov.au)

Phone: 08 8161 7308

Fax: 08 8161 6224

*Please note: Only referrals by a neurologist or specialist paediatrician will be accepted at this clinic.*

**Adult referrals:**

Dr Janice Fletcher  
Clinical Director, Genetics & Molecular Pathology, SA Pathology  
Royal Adelaide Hospital  
Margaret Graham Building  
Frome Road, Adelaide

or

Women's and Children's Hospital  
Level 4, Clarence Rieger Building  
72 King William Road  
North Adelaide SA 5006

*Please note: A referral must come from a physician, with all details of prior investigations included.*

## ***Victoria and Tasmania***

**Paediatric referrals:**

Dr Joy Lee  
Department of Metabolic Medicine  
The Royal Children's Hospital  
50 Flemington Rd  
Parkville VIC 3052

Phone: 03 93456251

Fax: 03 93456740

Email: [metabolic@rch.org.au](mailto:metabolic@rch.org.au)

*Please note: Only referrals by a general paediatrician or paediatric sub-specialist will be accepted at this clinic.*

**Adult referrals:**

Professor Martin Delatycki – referrals can be sent to Michelle de Silva  
AGHA Associate Genetic Counsellor

Murdoch Children's Research Institute  
The Royal Children's Hospital  
Flemington Rd  
Parkville VIC 3052

Phone: 03 9936 6109

*Please note: A referral must come from physician, with all details of prior investigations included.*

or

Associate Professor Michael Fahey and Dr Maie Walsh  
Genetic Medicine & Familial Cancer Centre  
The Royal Melbourne Hospital  
Grattan Street  
Parkville VIC 3052

Contact: Dr Adrienne Sexton (Genetic Counsellor)

Ph: 03 9342 7151

Fax: 03 9342 4267

Email: [genetics@mh.org.au](mailto:genetics@mh.org.au)

*Please note: You will need a referral from your medical specialist with all details of prior investigations included.*

## **Western Australia**

### **Paediatric referrals:**

Dr Maina Kava  
Princess Margaret Hospital  
Roberts Rd  
Subiaco WA 6008

Phone: 08 9340 8222

*Please note: A referral must come from a paediatric neurologist with all details of prior investigations included.*

### **Adult referrals:**



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Professor Phillipa Lamont  
WA Neurogenetic Service  
Royal Perth Hospital

Phone: 08 9224 3353

*Please note: A referral must come from physician, with all details of prior investigations included.*