

Thank you for enrolling in the skin biopsy study at The Ohio State University on 12/28/2012. As a participant in this study, we feel that you are the most important member of our research team. We are seeking 100 volunteers and are pleased to tell you that you are the 54th volunteer enrolled.

Our staff recognizes that each participant of this study has many choices of how he/she can dedicate their time. We are pleased that you chose to participate in research. It is clear that you understand that study participation helps advance medical knowledge which may make a difference in another's life or yours.

Volunteers like you have allowed us to take a step forward in better understanding the processes that may be contributing to the development of motor neuron diseases such as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis – ALS/Lou Gehrig's Disease and Spinal Muscular Atrophy-SMA or other related diseases. Enclosed is a recently published article that shows how volunteers like you have impacted the scientific community, with hopes that this research may lead to the discoveries that will show us how to effectively treat these diseases.

Feel free to call us with any questions you may have: 614-685-5661

Welcome to the team.

Sincerely,

Name Name,
Number and Street
City, State ZIP
Area code and phone

Today's Date

Dear _____,

Thank you for recently enrolling in the **THRIVE (Total Health: Research on Inflammation, Vigor, and Energy) Study** at The Ohio State University.

As you are aware, your participation is voluntary. We applaud you for becoming a participant in this study. Our study staff recognizes that each participant of this study has many choices of how he/she can dedicate their time. We appreciate that by joining this study you understand, as we do, that research helps advance medical knowledge. By joining this study you are now an important member of our research team that hopes to understand the many possible causes of fatigue, loss of vigor and energy that may be related in part to over activation of an important component of the immune system.

Enclosed you will find a check for \$_____ as a compensation for completing your first visit. It is a small token to help defray the costs of your time.

We will be in touch in _____ to set up your next (***appointment/phone call***) for the **THRIVE** study.

Feel free to call us with any questions you may have: **614-366-3767**

Welcome to the **THRIVE** Team.

Sincerely,