Simons Searchlight collects blood from families that have consented to provide samples as a part of their participation in the study. The blood samples collected for Simons Searchlight are de-identified and stored at a research repository. Qualified researchers can request to access these blood samples to better understand the genetic variants in Simons Searchlight.

Each family intending to have their blood drawn must:
- Complete the online consent form for each participating family member and opt to provide a research sample.
- Submit their genetic testing lab report.
- Study coordinators will then confirm your eligibility.

Who can provide a blood sample?
*Coordinators will let you know if blood will be collected from siblings at this meeting.

- Biological Mother
- Biological Father
- Child with genetic condition
- 2 Full Siblings
How does each family member consent for the blood sample?

1ST ACCOUNT

One biological parent registers for a research account, adds profiles for each child, and completes their consent forms, opting into research sample collection.

2ND ACCOUNT

Your child's other biological parent registers for a separate* research account and completes their consent forms, opting into research sample collection.

*Anyone over 18 must register for their own research account due to privacy regulations.

Questions?

If you have questions about how to create accounts or if you want to confirm that you opted into providing a research sample, please contact the study coordinators at coordinator@simonssearchlight.org or by phone at 1-855-329-5638.