



Blood Bank of Alaska
Helping Alaska patients in need

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Blood Bank of Alaska Expands Its Services to Provide Access to International Research Efforts

Anchorage, Alaska – Blood Bank of Alaska is focused on expanding their services to provide Alaskans access to the latest medical research efforts and treatments. They are now participating in the TrialNet Research Study that is investigating the correlation between genetics and type 1 diabetes. This study allows family members of those who have been diagnosed with type 1 diabetes the opportunity to be tested for genetic markers, which could potentially identify their risk for developing the disease. There is no cost to participate in the study. Those that are screened and have a positive result, will have access to additional counseling and preventive care that could potentially delay development of the disease. In order to be eligible for screening you must meet the following criteria:



Individuals between 1 and 45 years of age and have a first degree blood relative (parent, brother, sister, child) with type 1 diabetes



Individuals between 1 and 20 years of age and have a second degree blood relative (grandparent, half-brother, half-sister) with type 1 diabetes

Contact Blood Bank of Alaska at 222-5615 or email: trialnet@bbak.org to become a candidate for screening. For more information about the program, please visit the website at bloodbankofalaska.org/research.

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