

## We need your help

Thank you for signing up to participate in the NURTuRE-Nephrotic Syndrome (NephroS) study. As of Feb 2019, we recruited our 400<sup>th</sup> patient. Half-way there from our target of 800 patients.

Your samples are incredibly valuable -they will be used along with all other participants in a variety of analyses to help us get a better understanding of Nephrotic Syndrome (NS) and help provide better treatments in the future.

As part of the consent process, you may be aware that we are also collecting samples during relapse episodes. These samples will help us determine differences in blood / urine during a relapse vs. remission and therefore give us clues to what might be causing your NS.

In order to collect these samples – we need your help. Would you be willing to attend hospital at your next relapse to donate some blood and urine?

If so, please contact your research team. You may have been given a magnet at the time of recruitment, detailing who to call. If not, please get in contact with your clinician who will point you in the right direction. Your research team will then be able to organise a convenient time for you to attend. If we can collect the samples as early into the relapse as possible, this gives the scientists a greater chance of detecting any differences in blood and urine collected at this time.

We would also like to collect samples when you are back in remission. These paired relapse – remission samples give us a patient baseline to compare against. We would be able to co-ordinate this remission visit for when you are next at the hospital for your routine clinical appointment.

If you would like to discuss this further or have any questions, please contact your local research team. Your participation is completely voluntary.

Thanks for your continued support for the NURTuRE research study.