Why am I being contacted?
You are being contacted because your child has been diagnosed with juvenile idiopathic arthritis and may be eligible to participate in a research study.

Who is conducting the study?
Dr. Colleen Correll and her research team are conducting the study. The study team can be reached at 612-625-3910.

Who is eligible for the study?
Patients with juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA) who are less than 16 years old and live in the state of Minnesota. Parents of patients are eligible to participate as well.

What is the goal of the JaMINN Study?
In order to better understand the environmental factors that trigger JIA onset and disease flare in children, we will create a registry of all children with JIA who live in the state of Minnesota.

At this time the contributing factors for most types of JIA remain unclear. It is widely believed that JIA is caused by a combination of genetic and environmental risk factors. By combining information from 800 patients and families we may be able to identify common factors that could improve the health of patients.

Do I need to travel anywhere?
You will be able complete all study materials at home or at a regularly scheduled rheumatology appointment. No additional travel is needed.

How does the study work?
We are working with most rheumatologists in the state. Once identified, a patient and family will receive study information either through the mail or at a regular clinic visit. Interested families will be asked to do the following:

- Parents will complete a questionnaire
- Patients and parents will contribute a DNA sample by saliva collection
- Parents will be asked to sign a release form for medical records, birth certificate information and newborn blood spots
- JaMINN study participants will be asked to contribute follow-up information every three to six months.

When will the results be available?
We expect to have the preliminary results of this study within the next three to five years. No individual would ever be identified; all data are coded by identification numbers and only group results are presented. You may also wish to check out our website at: JaMINN.umn.edu where you can find additional study information.

Can I receive study results?
Absolutely. Just let the study staff know that you would like to receive the study results.