

GENVASC FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is GENVASC?

Genetics and the Vascular Health Check Study (GENVASC) is a large cohort observational study run in conjunction with CCG's and Federations across LLR, Northamptonshire, associated GP practices and the Leicester Cardiovascular Biomedical Research Centre-Cardiovascular Theme (LBRC), University Hospitals of Leicester (UHL) and the University of Leicester (UoL).

What is the purpose of GENVASC?

The purpose of GENVASC is to help determine whether the addition of genetic information can improve risk prediction of Coronary Artery Disease within a population with no previous history of cardiovascular disease.

When are participants recruited?

The GENVASC study is integrated within clinical practice with participants being recruited at the time of their NHS Health Check. Specific screening for the study is significantly reduced as the target population matches the eligibility for patients requiring the NHS Health Check.

What does it involve?

GENVASC uses an accelerated consent process which can be either a witnessed or unwitnessed consent process, supported by a 30 day 'cool-off' period. Participants are asked to provide an additional sample of blood at or around the time their health check samples are drawn, and for permission to access their medical health records from NHS databases using their NHS number.

What impact does GENVASC have on appointments?

The feedback received from the 170 plus practices already recruiting for GENVASC, is that the study is simple and straightforward to implement and fits easily into the Health Check/Phlebotomy appointment with only minimal impact.

What is the reimbursement?

Practices receive £16.00 per participant recruited. This is paid even if the participant withdraws at a later date.

Are there any follow up commitments?

There are no follow up commitments for either participants or practices.

Will we have to complete Case Report Forms or provide health data for the study?

No. The research data is collected centrally with no requirement to provide data at practice level.

If you have any other questions, the study team would be pleased to talk to you.

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