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**NATURAL HISTORY STUDY ON ALPORT SYNDROME NOW RECRUITING**

[October 6, 2014 – Phoenix, Arizona] – There is a clinical study for Alport Syndrome patients being conducted by Regulus Therapeutics, a biotechnology company located in the United States. The purpose of this research is to collect data and understand the way Alport Syndrome affects the kidneys over time.

Alport Syndrome patients are eligible to volunteer for this study if they are 16 years or older and have a confirmed diagnosis of Alport Syndrome. The first visit will require coming to the study doctor's clinic and then every 3 months thereafter. Patients will be offered an option to have a study nurse come to the home on alternating visits, rather than travel to the doctor's clinic.

If you are interested in learning more, please visit the following websites to find a clinic near you:

- Alport Syndrome study site: [www.alportstudy.org](http://www.alportstudy.org)
- Clinical Trials.gov: [www.clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT02136862](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT02136862)

**About Alport Syndrome and the Alport Syndrome Foundation**

Alport Syndrome is a rare hereditary kidney disease that causes a decline in kidney function, hearing loss and vision problems. The disease leads to kidney failure for most boys by the time they reach their 20s. Girls are affected too, with some impacted similarly to boys but most seeing more mild disease progression. An Alport Syndrome diagnosis devastates families because it often affects multiple family members in every generation. There is no cure for Alport Syndrome. There is no treatment proven to prevent kidney failure in Alport Syndrome patients.

The Alport Syndrome Foundation (ASF) is the leading non-profit organization in the United States serving and giving a voice to the Alport Syndrome community and has grown to become an international presence in outreach, education and research.

For more information, please visit [www.alportsyndrome.org](http://www.alportsyndrome.org).

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