

**NATIONAL CENTER FOR COMPLEMENTARY  
AND ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE**  
*TACT Investigator's Meeting*

***Chelation Therapy Study Key Messages***

**Chelation therapy is an investigational treatment using a man-made amino acid for patients with heart disease.**

- Chelation (pronounced key-LAY-shun) is added to the blood through a vein.
- Heart disease is the number one killer and chelation therapy may help in preventing heart attacks.
- Many people with heart disease are already using or considering chelation therapy, despite a lack of evidence that it works.
- We need to know if chelation therapy is safe and effective for the treatment of heart disease.

**A research study at XX is now testing whether chelation therapy is safe and effective for preventing heart attacks.**

- XXX has been selected as a chelation therapy site for a five-year national study sponsored by the National Institutes of Health.
- This local site is appropriate for the study because...
- It is the largest clinical study ever conducted on chelation therapy.
- XXX site is 1 of approximately 100 participating sites across the country.
- This study offers a unique opportunity for local residents.

**The study is currently recruiting participants to help answer an important public health question.**

- The study is seeking men and women age 50 and older who have had a heart attack.
- Participants will join a nationwide effort and help the medical community find new and effective treatments for heart disease.
- Participants will also receive vitamins and mineral supplements.
- There is no cost to participate in the study.
- Interested individuals can contact 1-888-644-6226 or visit [www.nccam.nih.gov/chelation](http://www.nccam.nih.gov/chelation) to learn more about the study and how to enroll.

**Local participants will be closely monitored while enrolled in the study.**

- A team of heart and CAM specialists designed the study.
- The study was carefully reviewed and approved by experts at NIH.
- Multiple safety measures are in place to safeguard participants.
- Participants will be working closely with cardiologists and other specialists and should continue to use standard heart disease treatments.