



Dear TACT Patient,

Congratulations! You have completed the 40<sup>th</sup> Trial to Assess Chelation Therapy (TACT) infusion and have now entered the follow-up phase of the study. Just as the infusions were important, so is follow-up as we try to understand how the treatments you received affect your health over time.

When you enrolled in the study, you read in your copy of the study informed consent that *“...you will be **called by the site study coordinator every 3 months until the end of the study** to find out how you are doing and whether you have had any heart problems since the last telephone call. You will also be asked about any hospitalizations or heart procedures you may have had between telephone calls. If you have been hospitalized during the follow-up period, it will be necessary for you to sign a release so that the site can have access to any medical records related to that hospitalization. In addition, you will be asked to **return for a visit each year and at the end of the study**. At each visit, you will be asked questions about your medical condition and undergo a simple physical exam...”*

If you were one of the patients selected for the Quality of Life substudy when you started participating in TACT, you will also be contacted by the research staff of the Economics and Quality of Life Center at Duke University to answer questions regarding any changes in how you feel, in your ability to perform your daily activities, or in your working status. These phone calls are made at 6 months, 1 year and 2 years after enrollment.

It is very important that you continue to take your high dose vitamins each day (3 pills twice a day). Low-dose gel cap vitamins do not need to be continued. During your quarterly telephone follow-up calls from the site coordinator, you will also be asked about your vitamin supply and to come to the site to pick-up more vitamins. You need to continue your high-dose vitamin therapy until your last annual clinic visit is completed.

If your address, telephone number or contact information changes at any time, please call [INSERT Study Coordinator NAME and PHONE NUMBER] at your site and let them know. You are a valuable patient for our study, and we want to make sure we stay in contact with you!

We thank you very much for your contributions and look forward to your continued participation in this very important study.

Sincerely,

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Site Investigator and/or Study Coordinator

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Date