Once Again, we have an Opportunity to Become Part of the Solution.

AFM/Polio Study
This outstanding study at Johns Hopkins is looking to increase the number of Polio survivors who participate.

The feedback we’ve had from Polio survivors who have participated has all been good. Participation is easily accomplished and both Dr. Duggal and her Research Assistant are lovely to work with. Participation is by Mail. Polio survivors from all over the US and Abroad are encouraged to join in.

You may be familiar with many of these child cases that have been in the news recently. These children present the same as individuals with paralytic polio, and yet they have been vaccinated for polio.

Objective: We are trying to understand why some people get better quickly after an infection and others may have breathing problems, and still others may have neurologic symptoms or paralysis. We would like to compare the cells and DNA of persons with severe symptoms with those who may have been exposed to the same virus, but did not have the same severe outcomes.

We plan to compare the DNA sequence of people with paralytic poliomyelitis to the DNA sequence of people with acute flaccid myelitis (AFM) following a viral infection diagnosed from 2012-present.

We are looking for genetic variants that both groups share that can help explain why a virus can cause mild symptoms in some people (respiratory symptoms or non-paralytic polio), but severe outcomes like paralysis in others like you have experienced.

Participation: Saliva sample and brief questionnaire (easily returned by mail)

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