



AUSTRALIAN INHERITED RETINAL DISEASE REGISTER AND DATA BANK

With the support of its State bodies, Retina Australia is providing funds to expand the Inherited Retinal Disease Register and DNA Bank held in Western Australia at the Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, to include all persons within Australia with an inherited retinal eye disease, and selected blood relatives who wish to participate.

The procedure is simple - a sample of blood or saliva is taken, and forwarded to the IRDR laboratory where the DNA is extracted and held in secure conditions.

This material will form a databank of samples which will be made available to any gene therapy researcher in the world who seeks to make use of it. In the future, when funds are available, the DNA material will be 'sequenced' to ascertain the individual's specific errant retinal gene, or in the case of blood relatives, whether or not they carry the gene.

For information about participation in the Inherited Retinal Disease Register, contact the Retina Australia organization in the State or Territory in which you live:

ACT:	(02) 6281 4519
New South Wales:	(02) 9744 7738
Queensland:	(07) 3003 0065
South Australia:	(08) 8362 1111
Victoria:	(03) 9650 5088
Western Australia:	(08) 9227 7585

Residents of the Northern Territory should contact South Australia.

Residents of Tasmania should contact Victoria