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Re.: Your patient(s) with Malignant Atrophic Papulosis Köhlmeier-Degos

Dear colleague(s),

Our Department has initiated an effort to study the demographic data and the genetic background of Malignant Atrophic Papulosis (MAP) Köhlmeier-Degos.

We are currently collecting clinical information on a world wide basis, supported by the Degos Disease Support Network (www.degosdisease.com) under the leadership of Mrs. Judith Calder, Sussex, U.K.

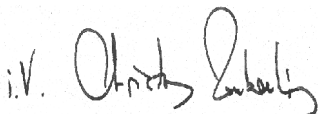
In addition, we are collecting blood samples (see enclosed instructions) from the patients and their families to perform genetic studies in the laboratory of Prof. Constantine Stratakis, NIH, Bethesda, MD, U.S.A.

We would be thankful, if you could provide us with copies of records, blood examination results, biopsy blocks, photographs, etc. of your patient(s). We also be indebted, if you could collect blood samples from the patients and their families and send them together with a pedigree either to me (Europe) or directly to Prof. Stratakis (U.S.A., Asia, Europe). **Please do not forget to fill, sign and send us the NIH consent forms enclosed with each patient's or relative's blood sample.**

I would like to inform you that we have held a one day Consensus Conference on Malignant Atrophic Papulosis in March 2005 in Berlin, Germany, where the preliminary results of both the clinical and genetic studies were discussed. The Conference was addressed to patients and their physicians as well scientists who have worked or are interested in this rare disease. Please let me know, if you want us to include you in the mailing list of those who wish to receive information on future conferences and presentations.

Thank you for your cooperation and support

Yours sincerely



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