What is a longitudinal study?
A longitudinal study follows patients over an extended period of time to look at changes in individuals. Information is collected on a regular basis and studied by research scientists to find new ways to track disease and predict who will respond to different treatments, to study the genetics and causes of vasculitis, to understand how best to treat patients, and much more.

Why participate?
By participating in the Longitudinal Study you will help researchers better understand Churg-Strauss Syndrome and work toward developing more effective and safer therapies.

How do I participate?
If you are interested in participating in this study or would like additional information, please contact a study coordinator at the clinical center most convenient for you:

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Who qualifies?
You must have a confirmed diagnosis of Churg-Strauss Syndrome and be willing to be seen for study visits at one of the six VCRC study sites.

What is a study visit?
During a study visit, you will meet with a study physician, a study coordinator, and a research nurse. Medical information will be collected and a physical exam conducted. The research nurse will collect blood and urine specimens from you. On some study visits, you will only have blood and urine collected and will not meet with the physician or study coordinator (these visits may be shorter).