What Happens Next?

You will be contacted by our study coordinator regarding your eligibility and desire to participate. If you decide to participate, you will be asked to sign a consent form and given questionnaires to complete. We will also arrange a blood draw at this time.

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Lymphoma is a form of cancer. Rates of this cancer have been increasing. Lymphoma is the third most rapidly rising cancer in the United States today.

The purpose of this study is to learn more about the environmental and genetic factors that might be responsible for this disease, so that we can better prevent and treat it.

**Who is Participating in this Study?**

The study includes individuals who have been recently diagnosed with lymphoma and those who have not been diagnosed. By comparing these two groups of people, we hope to uncover clues about the factors that might cause this disease.

**What Does it Mean to Participate?**

As a study participant, you will be asked to:

1) Complete a questionnaire regarding your medical and social history, diet, jobs you have held and family health history. If you have ever mixed or applied pesticides as a farmer, part of your job or worked on a farm greater than one year, we will also have you complete a Farming and Pesticide questionnaire.

2) Donate 4 – 5 tablespoons of blood. If you are being seen in Rochester, we will make every effort to collect this blood sample as part of your routine blood work.

3) For persons with certain family histories, we may ask you if you want to participate in additional studies of familial cancer risk.

**Will I Benefit from this Study?**

There are no direct benefits to you for participating in this study. However, you will be contributing to a study aimed at providing new insights about the causes of lymphoma. The information can be used to reduce the occurrences of this disease in the future. Only through the participation of people such as you can this important type of research be conducted.

**What Are the Costs of Participation?**

There are no monetary costs to participate in this study. Some of your time, however, will be spent completing the questionnaires and participating in the blood collection. The cost of this blood collection will be billed directly to the Mayo Clinic. If you choose not to participate, you will not jeopardize present or future medical care and treatment at the Mayo Clinic or other benefits to which you are entitled.

**What About My Privacy?**

All records from the study will be used for research purposes only and results of any tests will not become part of your Mayo Clinic medical record. Results may be published in a scientific journal, but your identity will not be released. This is in keeping with Mayo Clinic’s policy of patient confidentiality.

**Will I Know the Results of this Research?**

At a future date, if clinically useful information arises as a result of this study, we may contact participants for discussion of clinical testing. This testing would be optional and you do not have to decide about it at this time.