



New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome  
AND ASSOCIATED DISORDERS

*Collaborative Partnerships  
for the Tourette Syndrome Community*

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## **Join the team contributing DNA toward a cure for TS! Appointments available for June 14-15 at Rutgers**

*Yale University's Dr. Robert King once again will interview families  
interested in participating in the genetics sharing program*

PISCATAWAY – Would you like to see more people working on a cure for Tourette Syndrome? How about research on medications specifically for TS? Now is your opportunity to personally be a part of making that happen.

Dr. Robert King, a professor of child psychiatry at the Yale University Medical School and medical director of the TS/OCD Clinic at the Yale University Child Study Center, will be at the NJCTS Sharing Repository at Rutgers University on Thursday and Friday, **June 14 and 15**.

He will be interviewing families who would like to participate in the National Institute of Mental Health NJCTS Genetics Sharing Program. For more information or to schedule an appointment with Dr. King, please e-mail Dr. Gary Heiman, a team leader at the repository, at [familystudy@biology.rutgers.edu](mailto:familystudy@biology.rutgers.edu).

"The major stumbling block to doing research on Tourette Syndrome has been a lack of DNA samples," according to Dr. Jay A. Tischfield, Director of the Human Genetics Institute at Rutgers University and a researcher on TS for more than 40 years. "You can't just do research on samples from five or 10 people. You need hundreds if not thousands of samples because the disease itself is very heterogeneous – meaning it doesn't have the same cause in everybody."

If you have already participated in the NJCTS Sharing Repository -- thank you! If you have not, we urge you to join NJCTS and other families across the state and become part of this groundbreaking research. For more information, please visit our [website](#), download our [repository brochure](#) or see the events listing on our [Facebook page](#).

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