

HAVE YOU HEARD OF ALPHA-1 ANTITRYPSIN DEFICIENCY?



ALPHA-1 ANTITRYPSIN DEFICIENCY (A1AD) IS A GENETICALLY INHERITED CONDITION WHICH CAN CAUSE SERIOUS LUNG AND LIVER DISEASE.

Ask your doctor about being tested for A1AD if any of the following apply to you:

- Emphysema, COPD, bronchiectasis, asthma or other respiratory illness which is not responsive to treatment and the cause is unknown.
- Unexplained liver problems.
- Individuals with a family history of liver or lung disease.
- Related by blood to somebody who has a gene associated with A1AD.
- Unexplained panniculitis (inflammatory skin condition).



“It is therefore recommended that, all patients with COPD and adults and adolescents with asthma be screened once for A1AD using a quantitative test. Those with abnormal results on screening should have PI typing”.

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