"WE HAVE NEVER HEARD OF THALASSEMIA BEFORE! HOW DID OUR BABY GET IT?"

Thalassemia is a blood disorder that basically occurs in two forms; A mild form where a person is called a carrier in which there are usually no symptoms. It can only be found with special blood tests. If both parents are carriers, there is a chance for their baby to be born with the severe form. It will become very anemic during the first year of life and will only survive if given blood transfusions on a regular basis.



To find out more about these conditions, come to the

Cedars Sinai Hospital Harvey Morse Auditorium* on Tue, May 24th 2011 between 7-9 p.m.

Free of charge. Refreshments will be served. All welcome. Seating Limited - RSVP requested

The information may be very important for you,particularly if your family originates from the Mediterranean Region, North Africa, Turkey, the Middle East,India, Asia and New Guinea.

Dr. Vasili Berdoukas, an international expert on thalassemia and related disorders will present information on the condition, how it is inherited and prevented. He graduated from the School of Medicine, University of Sydney in 1971.

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