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Dear IC Supporter,

I am a Professor of Urology at Beaumont Health System and Oakland University School of Medicine in Michigan. My team and I are conducting a federally funded and IRB approved research study on the development of a urine biomarker test for interstitial cystitis (IC) and I'd like to ask you for your help please.

We are reaching out to the entire IC community across the US to help us in collecting their urine sample and mailing it back to us. There is no cost and it is all done from home. Those interested can register online at [www.icstudy.org](http://www.icstudy.org), we will mail the volunteers the urine cups and return mail envelope. The collection is simple and done at home, kept at room temperature and mailed back in a self-addressed, pre-paid envelope and can be dropped in any US mail box.

Our goal is to collection 2,000 urine samples from across the country, from patients with known diagnosis of IC and also from family and friends of the IC community who do not have any bladder problems or different bladder conditions such as urinary tract infection, kidney stones, overactive bladder and even bladder cancer. Our objective is to validate a urine diagnostic test that can distinguish IC from other conditions.

We'd like to ask you for your help to share this research study with three people who may be willing to help us. A few more is OK also 😊 The website ([www.icstudy.org](http://www.icstudy.org)) will be able to explain details of the research study and how to obtain the urine cups.

Thank you for your help. Please let me know if you have any question.



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