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**Dallas-Fort Worth Fertility Associates and Good Start Genetics
Offers a Genetic Testing Day on Aug. 21
--Carrier Status Awareness Protects Your Future Family--**

Dallas, Texas—Aug. 12, 2014—Dallas-Fort Worth Fertility Associates will forecast future fertility obstacles at a genetic screening event on Thursday, Aug. 21 for women ages 18 to 44 and their partners. A simple blood test can reveal the carrier status for inheritable genetic diseases such as Tay Sachs, cystic fibrosis and spinal muscular atrophy.

“Many carriers of genetic disease have no family history and do not experience any symptoms,” says DFW Fertility Associates founding partner Dr. Samuel Chantilis. “When two unknowing carriers conceive a child, their baby has a 1 in 4 chance of having the active form of the disease, and we want to help parents mitigate that risk.”

Blood test results identify any changes, or mutations, to a person’s genes. Genes serve as instruction books for the body, and are made of DNA. Everyone benefits from genetic testing, but it’s especially helpful for couples with a family history of a genetic disease, and people from certain [ethnic or geographical backgrounds](#).

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Reserve a Place at a Genetic Screening Day

The genetic screening day takes place Thursday, Aug. 21 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Dallas location of DFW Fertility Associates (5477 Glen Lakes Drive, Suite 200 Dallas, Texas 75231). Space is limited, so email dfwfertilityscreening@gmail.com to make a reservation.

Drs. Chantilis, Karen Lee, Mika Thomas, Laura Lawrence and Ravi Gada direct fertility treatment cycles in Dallas and Southlake, including services that address genetic mutations.

Should one or both partners test positive for genetic disease, Good Start Genetics and DFW Fertility Associates will explain the options for conceiving a child unaffected by the gene mutation: preimplantation genetic diagnosis with IVF; donor egg or donor sperm; or adoption.

“We recommend genetic screening for all women planning to conceive,” Dr. Thomas added. “Knowing your carrier status before you conceive gives a couple time to plan and to take preventative steps to protect the next generation through assisted reproductive technologies.”

All insurance plans are accepted, except for Medicare, Medicaid and Tricare. A private donation provides for all costs not covered by insurance plans.

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About Dallas-Fort Worth Fertility Associates

Dallas-Fort Worth Fertility Associates is a private practice physicians' office specializing in reproductive endocrinology and infertility treatment. Dr. Samuel J. Chantilis, Dr. Karen L. Lee, Dr. Mika R. Thomas, Dr. Ravi P. Gada and Dr. Laura T. Lawrence, our fertility specialists, are all fellowship-trained in reproductive endocrinology and infertility. Our clinic was opened in an effort to bring the latest IVF treatments and procedures to the Dallas-Fort Worth community. For more information, please visit www.dallasfertility.com.

About Good Start Genetics

Good Start Genetics is a leading and innovative molecular diagnostics company setting the new standard of care for genetic screening of inherited diseases. Good Start uses a powerful technology called next-generation sequencing. By using this advanced technology, Good Start Select has been shown to detect more mutations than other routine carrier screening tests - See more at www.goodstartgenetics.com.

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