The UNC Division of Rheumatology, Allergy and Immunology presents
The Inaugural “Alpha Gal” Red Meat Allergy Symposium
Leading the Way with Research and Patient Care for this Emerging Allergy

The symposium offers participants a unique opportunity to interact with and hear from leading physician scientists and other patients to increase awareness and understanding of this mysterious food allergy.

EVENT DETAILS

The inaugural Alpha Gal Symposium, hosted by the UNC Division of Rheumatology, Allergy, Immunology will be held Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at Extraordinary Ventures in Chapel Hill, NC.

Alpha-gal syndrome is a recently identified food allergy that is believed to be associated with tick or chigger bites, which can result in people suffering serious – and potentially life-threatening – allergic reactions when they eat red meat or other derived products.

This allergy is still unknown to much of the general population and often goes undiagnosed because symptoms occur in people who have safely eaten red meat for years. In addition, the onset of symptoms may not appear for several hours after eating beef, pork or lamb, making it more challenging to associate these episodes with the source of the allergic reaction.

Our Division at the University of North Carolina is a part of the UNC Thurston Arthritis Research Center, one of only a few centers in the US actively conducting clinical research with patients affected by this allergy. In addition, we have two of the leading, nationally recognized alpha-gal researchers in the US and expect to have important new insights into this allergy in foreseeable future. It is hoped that their research may potentially help lead to a treatment.
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About the UNC Thurston Arthritis Research Center:
The mission of the Center is to leverage advanced research, education and clinical expertise to investigate the causes and consequences of arthritis, autoimmune diseases and allergies. The Center is developing and testing new treatments to help reduce the impact of these diseases on patients and society. Whether conducting research in a laboratory setting, implementing population-based studies to better understand causes and scope of disease, educating future healthcare practitioners, or working with patients in its clinics, the Center is driven by a passion to make a significant and lasting difference for those it serves. The Thurston Arthritis Center is located on the campus of the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, NC.
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