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WE NEED YOU! We can never have enough volunteers. . .

- Contact Regional Networking Alliance (RNA)
- Host a fundraising event
- Provide services to the HHT Foundation
- Other _____

Please call the foundation office at **800-448-6389** or visit our website at **www.hht.org** to learn more about the opportunities available.

WE NEED YOUR EMAIL!

We are communicating through email campaigns more than ever! It is a fast, efficient way to converse with you about time sensitive HHT activities. In March, this UNC at Chapel Hill HHT Center announcement was sent to everyone with an email address. Recently, we emailed updates and information about MedicTags and MedicAlert services that are available through our website as well as an announcement about the North American Study of Epistaxis (NOSE), and the upcoming regional patient conference. And most importantly, our online monthly HHT News Bulletin will only be received by members with an email address.

The HHT Foundation is not only interested in being more accessible to you but we are always looking for ways to be more efficient, cost effective, and environment friendly.

DON'T ASSUME THAT WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

...We only have email addresses for 40% of our members! Please send your email address to maryleigh.krock@hht.org (or by postal mail on the attached form) as soon as you can.

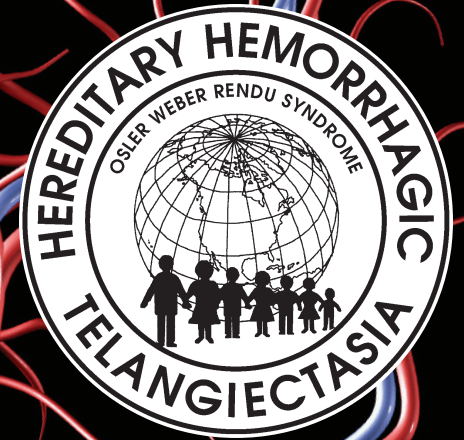
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UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL NAMED 12TH U.S. HHT CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

"To wrest from nature the secrets which have perplexed philosophers in all ages; to track to their sources the causes of disease; to correlate the vast stores of knowledge so they may be quickly available for the prevention and cure of disease. These are our ambitions."

—Sir William Osler

The HHT Board of Directors has made increasing access to HHT professionals a priority. By increasing the number of HHT Centers of Excellence, diagnosis and treatment of HHT will be more affordable by decreasing travel costs and increasing the likelihood of insurance coverage. In 2008, the Foundation established a committee, led by Marianne Clancy, Executive Director, and Dr. James Gossage, Medical Director, to develop a process to evaluate the medical expertise and viability of an HHT Center. Although the HHT Foundation and the HHT Centers of Excellence are completely separate entities, we work in a collaborative effort to advance the diagnosis, treatment, and management of HHT.

The HHT Foundation is your advocate on every level. Our priority has been to make HHT diagnosis and care more available and affordable for patients and we are making great progress through the opening of the UNC at Chapel Hill HHT Center. The southeast has been under-served and we are very excited to make this announcement...



Dr. Raj Kasthuri, Director of the new HHT Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, has organized a team of specialists who are knowledgeable in the care and treatment of HHT. We are really excited about this new collaboration!

The Benefits of Being Screened at an HHT Center of Excellence

At an HHT Center of Excellence, the specialists work with the disorder on a daily basis and they know what they are looking for. Similarly, they will evaluate your whole body not just a specific organ.

There are numerous benefits to being screened at an HHT Center but two of the most important include:

- **Genetics / Family History:** The Center Director (or Genetic Counselor) will help you trace HHT through the generations and other family members can be identified.
- **Guidance/Experienced Medical Resource for your local physician(s):** Once you've been seen at an HHT Center, your local physician can contact the HHT Center physician(s) about your specific condition, including but not limited to, treatment recommendations, second opinions, and clarification of diagnosis / management options.

UNC at Chapel Hill HHT Center Physicians/Specialists

The staff of HHT specialists at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill HHT Treatment Center of Excellence are ready to serve you and your family. All members of this team are enthusiastic about their new role in the HHT community and they are thrilled to be in full collaboration with the HHT Foundation.

DR. RAJ KASTHURI is Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of Hematology and Oncology and is the Director of the UNC at Chapel Hill HHT Center. Dr. Kasthuri earned his medical degree from the Kasturba Medical College in India. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine at the Michael Reese Hospital and Medical Center in Chicago. He completed his fellowship in Hematology and Medical Oncology at the University of Minnesota. He is a member of the UNC Hemophilia and Thrombosis Center and the UNC McAllister Heart Institute. Dr. Kasthuri's clinical and research interests are in bleeding and clotting disorders, and HHT.



HHT Specialists at UNC at Chapel Hill

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| Cardiology | Neuro-Interventional Radiology |
| Dentist / Oral Surgeon | Neuroradiology |
| Dermatologist | Neurology |
| Gastroenterology | Neurosurgeon |
| Genetics | Otolaryngology (ENT) |
| Hematology | Pulmonology |
| Interventional Radiology | |

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