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Podcast Transcript:

Dr. Ron Falk

Anti-GBM

“Anti-GBM: Am I contagious?”

Patient        Can anyone else in my family catch it?

Dr Falk        That’s a great question. Anti-GBM disease, like most autoimmune diseases, are not transferred from one individual to another. This is not an infection, this is not a cancer.

Patient        And it’s not hereditary?

Dr Falk        Well, it may have a hereditary component. There are families of patients who have family members with other autoimmune diseases: Thyroid disease, diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis. There most likely is a gene that predisposes individuals to autoimmunity, but there is no specific gene that is associated with your disease, Anti-GBM disease or Good Pasture’s Syndrome.