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“Is my disease inheritable?”

Here’s the next question I always am asked: Is my disease inheritable? Is my kid going to get it? This is not a genetic disease in the usual sort of way, because, if it were, everyone in this room would lift up their hand and say, “Ah, wait a minute, my uncle, brother, aunt, cousin, niece has this disease.” Yes, many of you may have family members that have some other auto-immune disease. But they don’t have vasculitis. So, yes, there’s an auto-immune propensity. The chance of having an auto-immune disease, just not this one. But that’s critical. The chances that you’re going to pass this disease to an offspring are vanishingly small. Tiny.