



THE VALLEY FEVER INSTITUTE AT KERN MEDICAL OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF NEW VALLEY FEVER RESEARCH STUDY

EMBARGOED UNTIL MONDAY JANUARY 28, 2019 – The Valley Fever Institute at Kern Medical will officially announce the launch of a new Valley Fever research study on Monday, January 28th during a press conference at the hospital. The study, in partnership with Duke University, will provide The National Institute of Health with data on the prevalence of Valley Fever in local residents who have been diagnosed with Community Acquired Pneumonia (CAP).

WHAT: Press conference announcing the launch of a new Valley Fever research study

WHEN: Monday, January 28th 2019 at 10:00 AM

WHERE: Kern Medical, 1700 Mount Vernon Avenue

The event will include a Q&A with Dr. Royce H. Johnson, Medical Director of the Valley Fever Institute at Kern Medical and Chief of Infectious Disease at Kern Medical.

“We are extremely excited to launch this new research study and know the results could improve treatment and bring us closer to a cure for Valley Fever.” says Kern Medical Foundation Executive Director Erica Easton, “It will take a community effort to help make this study a success and we look forward to working with our participants to strike a blow against this deadly disease”.

The Valley Fever research study is open to patients 14 years of age or older, who have been diagnosed with CAP in the last 14 days or have been diagnosed with both CAP and Valley Fever in the last 14 days. Study eligibility depends on study enrollment within 14 days of a CAP or CAP/Valley Fever diagnosis. Qualifying participants will receive up to \$600 to assist with the cost of travel and time. All study care, visits and blood draws are at no cost to the participant.

If you would like to refer a patient to the study or speak to a study team member, please call (661) 706-6748.

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