



A family story

This chart is designed to help you gather and organize relevant information about your family members and their status as potential carriers of Gaucher disease. Together with a knowledge of inheritance patterns outlined in the *Straight Talk* booklet, it will help you to better understand how Gaucher disease occurs and how it is passed along.

This type of family history is particularly important in the case of an autosomal recessive disorder such as Gaucher disease where generations of people within a family may carry a single copy of the defective gene and never know it. As a result, the diagnosis of Gaucher disease in one person (or the identification of an ancestor with significant Gaucher symptoms) may be the first indication that siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins may be Gaucher disease carriers.

If you suspect that you or someone close to you either has Gaucher disease or is a carrier, talk to your doctor, or refer to the resources listed in this booklet.

