

BIOSAMPLES

Opening Pathways for Kids

*This tool was developed by patients and parents
for patients and parents*

Biosamples can help...



Identify genes that cause disease



Discover new medications to help patients



Find predictors (also called biomarkers) for disease



Understand which medicines are best for each individual patient



Predict which children can safely stop medication

Where Are Biosamples Stored?

Think of it like a library...instead of books a **biobank** holds thousands of biosamples available for study!

Patient information is always private.



We are heroes!



When YOU participate in biosample research, breakthroughs happen for kids!

"Biosamples from children are incredibly special. They help us to understand childhood diseases so we can improve the lives of patients like you."



HOW CAN YOU HELP



Steps for Participating in Biosample Collection



Informed Consent Form

Your doctor and/or research coordinator will obtain your permission with an Informed Consent Form.

What is That?



- Information about the study
- What to expect
- Risks and benefits of participating
- Privacy information

What might we need from you?



99% of the time your doctor will draw a few extra teaspoons of blood to use for your biosample

Other samples might include joint fluid, stool, urine or tissue

Don't be Afraid to Ask Questions



- Participation is always voluntary
- You can change your mind at any time
- Ask your doctor if you're confused

Ready to Start?

Talk to your doctor today about research. Ask how **you** can take part in biosample collection.



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