

## Your Privacy Is Very Important

Your samples in the Biobank will be labeled with a number. Your identity will NEVER be revealed to researchers. Your personal information will be kept in a secure database that only a limited number of authorized Biobank personnel will be able to access.

The reason for keeping personal information is to provide researchers with clinical information about your samples. For example, researchers may want to know if a specific sample came from a person who smokes, who has a family history of cancer, or who belongs to a particular ethnic group.

Ochsner Biobank staff will provide reports about the information associated with the samples, but we will not identify you. Only authorized Biobank personnel have access to the laboratory where the biospecimens are stored in the Biobank.

Help us find out what causes diseases and identify better treatment and diagnostic options. Be a medical hero and help save lives!



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# Biobank

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You can be a medical hero! Important discoveries about diseases are made in research laboratories throughout the world, but there is a lot of work to do. You can help by participating in research. By participating in medical research right here in New Orleans, you can help doctors and scientists:

- Discover causes of cancer
- Discover causes of other human diseases
- Develop new diagnostic tests to identify diseases earlier
- Discover new and better treatment options

### Donate to the Ochsner Biobank

Biomedical researchers need human specimens to study things such as:

- How healthy cells become cancer cells
- What genes might put patients at risk for diseases
- What tumor genes are associated with successful treatment options
- What biomarkers are associated with disease and can be used to identify diseases early



### What Does the Ochsner Biobank Do?

We collect human biospecimens and send them to laboratories for current research studies. We may also store them in specially designed freezers for future research studies. The types of specimens that are needed include:

- blood
- urine
- tumor tissue
- lymph node tissue
- other body fluids



### Important Policies to Know

- Your participation is 100% voluntary! We will not collect specimens without your written consent.
- If you do not want to donate specimens, your decision will in NO WAY affect the quality of care at Ochsner.
- There are no additional medical procedures involved. Biospecimens will be collected at your routine clinical testing or procedures.
- Similar to donating to the blood bank, you cannot specify how your donated biospecimens are to be used in research.
- If there are discoveries or new results, you will not be told this information, as researchers do not know the identity of the donors.

