



BIG INITIATIVE

UTHSC and ETSU's Biorepository Integrative Genomics Initiative

- Confidential
- One-Time Specimen Collection
- Help Your Community
- Zero Cost
- Participate in Research
- Voluntary Participation

The purpose of this research study is to collect a blood specimen from patients at the time blood is being drawn for clinical purposes. The major objective of this study is to determine the impact of an individual's genes on their health and response to treatment.

The research study is an ongoing repository of blood specimens and your medical data and has no end date. This study will only require a one-time blood draw.

The collection of your blood and medical data may contribute to studies leading to the improvement in health outcomes of others in the future. Participants will not receive any financial benefit from participation. Results from this sequencing will not impact your health care. Contributions are for the greater good of our community.

Your participation in this research is voluntary. The choice to let the UTHSC BIG Initiative keep the data and samples for future research is up to you.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How is your donation used?

A: The donated samples are being used to discover new associations between a person's genes and human disease by actually sequencing the person's genes and linking that to their known disease states.

Q: Is it secure?

A: Samples are de-identified immediately, and there is no identification on the samples that are sent for genetic sequencing. All HIPAA guidelines are followed.

Q: How am I protected from insurance companies and employers?

A: Federal Law prohibits the use of your genetic material from being used against you.

Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act can be found at:
eeoc.gov/statutes/genetic-information-nondiscrimination-act-2008

Contact us at BIG@etsu.edu or by phone at (423) 439-6463 or visit etsu.edu/com/ciidi/clinical-research/projects.php for more information.



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