

# Biorepository Project

Please let our staff know  
if you wish to participate!

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At Hackensack Meridian *Health*, our leading scientists are engaged in innovative research to improve medical care. This brochure is provided to help answer some of your questions about the Hackensack Meridian *Health* Biorepository Project.

## What is a biorepository?

A biorepository is a place where biospecimens and their associated medical information are stored.

## How will the biorepository be used?

Researchers who are interested in understanding diseases and finding better treatments may want to study the biospecimens and medical information stored in the biorepository.

Researchers from Hackensack Meridian *Health*, other universities, the government, and drug or health-related companies can apply to use the biorepository.

## What does this study involve?

If there are any biospecimens left over after a procedure (such as surgery, biopsy, drainage of fluid, etc.), some of the tissue or bodily fluid that is not needed for diagnosis or treatment may be collected and stored. You may be asked to donate another blood sample collected along with your normal bloodwork. However, no extra biopsy

or needle stick is needed for participation in this project. You may also be asked to provide other specimens through non-invasive procedures such as a mouth swab, saliva, urine, or stool.

In addition to the biospecimen collection, we may gather and store some health information from your medical record. The medical information we collect will be linked to your biospecimens and stored as part of the biorepository.

All personal health information is removed before any biospecimens or medical information is released to researchers in a process called “de-identification.”

## Are there benefits if I agree to participate in the study?

There are no direct benefits to you if you agree to participate. However, by allowing your biospecimens to be studied, you may be helping researchers find better treatments or cures. Many therapies and treatments today were found because of patients who donated their biospecimens for research use.

## Will it cost me anything to participate in the study?

There is no cost to you or your insurance company for participation.

## Do I have to participate in the study?

Participating in this study is voluntary and entirely up to you. Your decision to participate will not affect your medical care or health insurance coverage in any way.

## What if I have more questions?

You may contact the **Hackensack Meridian *Health* Biorepository Project** at 551-996-1317 for any questions.

