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Information Leaflet

Hello!

We would like to ask you and your parents or carer if we could have a little bit extra blood, bone marrow, tumour lump (if you have one) and other samples when doctors take some for your tests.

We will use them to find out why children get illnesses like yours and to find new ways to treat them.



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What is VIVO Biobank?

VIVO Biobank is where we collect blood, bone marrow, bits of tumour lump and other samples from children who have a similar illness to you.

Scientists can ask us if they can have some of the samples so that they can find out why children get cancer like yours and how to make the treatment better.



Why have I been invited?

All the children in the UK who are having tests like the ones you are having are being asked if they will give some of their samples to VIVO Biobank.

What are you asking me to consider?

If you say yes, you and your parents or carer will be given a form to sign. You will have a copy to keep. When the doctors are taking samples for your tests, we will just ask them to take a little bit more and then send the extra bit to the Biobank.

If there is any spare sample left after the doctors have done their tests we would like to keep this as well. You won't need extra tests.

We would also like your doctor or nurse to tell us about your illness and your treatment.

Why do you want to take extra samples?

We want to take these extra samples to help find out why children get cancer and to help improve treatment. They will be carefully looked after in VIVO Biobank until they are needed.

Why do you need my medical details?

It is really helpful to know all about your illness and treatment. This can help us find out why children get cancer.

Will the information about me be kept secret?

All the information we collect about you will be kept secret. Your samples will be given a special number so no-one knows they belong to you.

Do I have to take part?

If you decide to say no, nobody will mind and your treatment will still be the same. We just won't use your samples for research or collect extra samples.

What will happen if I say yes?

One of your doctors or nurses may ask you to sign a form to

say that you want to give your samples. You may like your parents or carer to help you with this. If you prefer they can sign for you, if they also say yes.

Your tissue samples will be stored safely in VIVO Biobank. All researchers wanting to use your samples must ask some experts for permission. The experts make sure it is good research which could help children with cancer in the future.

Some researchers might want to use samples for research involving animals (usually mice). This sort of research will only happen to help children with cancer. You and your parents or carer can choose whether to allow your samples to be used in this sort of research or not.

What happens if I change my mind?

You can change your mind at any time. Your parents or carer can just give us a call or email us to let us know. Any samples you have given that have not been used will be destroyed.

What if I have any questions?

If you have questions, you can ask your nurse or doctor or look on the VIVO Biobank website for more information. Your parents or carer can also email or phone us.

For more information, please contact us:

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