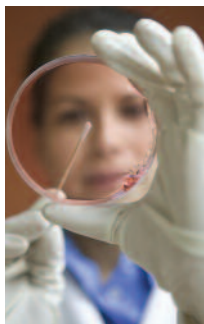




Hoosier Oncology Group



Help Find A Cure For Cancer:



*Donate Blood and Tissue
Samples to the Hoosier Oncology
Group Biorepository*

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The Hoosier Oncology Group, Inc. (HOG)

operates as a cancer research organization established to evaluate innovative and promising methods and approaches to cancer treatment. HOG has a network of dedicated community and clinical research practitioners to provide the best cancer treatment options to patients within their community. Through clinical trials, the HOG researchers are exploring new drugs and treatment strategies and looking for ways to prevent cancer. Above all, our goal is to improve the survival and quality of life for cancer patients.

What is the Hoosier Oncology Group Biorepository

Implemented in December 2006, the Hoosier Oncology Group Biorepository stores and manages blood and tissue samples that are collected as part of HOG clinical research studies.

These samples will be used in state-of-the-art research to help find out more about what causes cancer, how to prevent it, how to treat it, and how to cure it. Research on these samples can also help answer questions about other health problems, such as diabetes, heart disease and Alzheimer's disease.

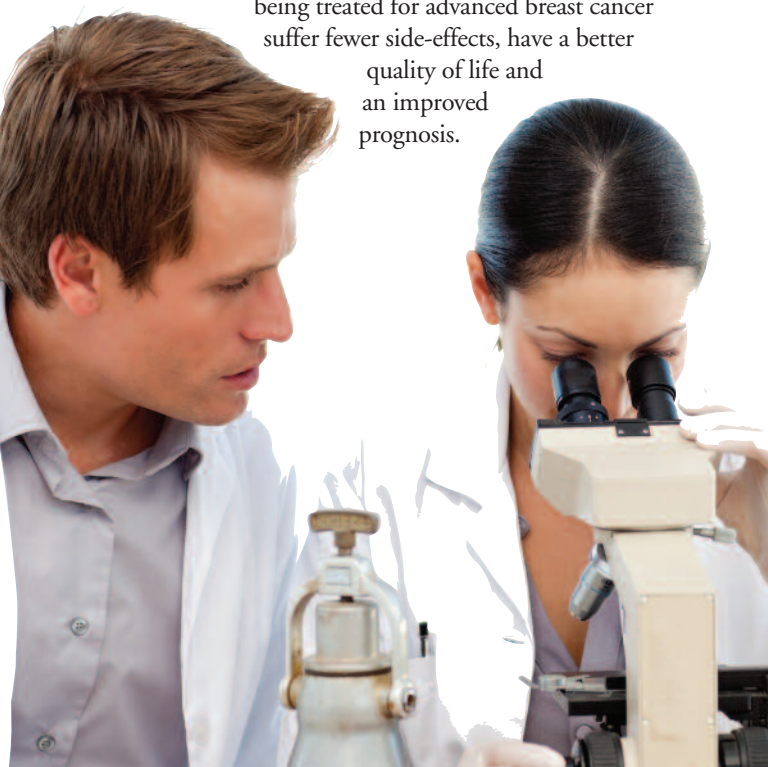
The Importance of Blood and Tissue Samples to Cancer Research

We need your help to reach our ultimate goal of a cancer cure. Your blood and tissue samples will help us better understand how cancer cells work. This knowledge will lead researchers to a better understanding of which patients will benefit from which treatments.

Blood and tissue donation is not a new concept. Many people before you have participated in sample donations to help find a cure for cancer. We have come a long way, but we still need your help.

One example of how blood and tissue samples will help improve cancer treatment is the HOG advanced breast cancer patient study. The Hoosier Oncology Group collaborated with Indiana University and other research centers to establish the “Centers of Excellence for Individualization of Therapy for Breast Cancer.” The Center’s mission is to increase effectiveness and lessen toxicity of treatments for women with advanced breast cancer. Utilizing cutting-edge proteomic and genomic methods, the tissue and blood samples of many volunteers will be used to determine the best treatment.

The results of this study will help women who are being treated for advanced breast cancer suffer fewer side-effects, have a better quality of life and an improved prognosis.



How the Samples will be Collected and Stored to Use for Future Studies

The HOG biorepository manages tissue and blood samples so that they are collected, processed, shipped and stored appropriately. Each step is crucial to



maintain the sample's integrity. We collaborate with cancer researchers to analyze the samples and identify factors that will predict the best treatment option for cancer patients. As someone affected by cancer, you may be asked to donate a small amount of your

blood. This would be done either as part of a regularly scheduled blood draw or separately for research purposes.

We may also ask you to give us permission to obtain a small sample of the stored biopsy tissue that was previously obtained to diagnose your cancer. No new biopsy will be done.

The Hoosier Oncology Group adheres to the National Cancer Institute "Best Practices." This ensures that the blood and tissue samples you donate are collected and stored in the most appropriate manner. These are nationally developed and recognized standards for biorepositories.

Risks and Protections for Collection and Storage of Your Tissue Samples

All research is reviewed by an Institutional Review Board (IRB). These review boards analyze whether the anticipated benefits of research are worth the risks. They protect you as a donor by requiring your voluntary participation and full disclosure of research procedures, risks, rights and responsibilities.

Laws and regulations require that people be fully informed of how their samples will be obtained and how it will be used. The researcher conducting the study is responsible for explaining the risks and benefits of donating tissue and blood. You will be given and asked to sign an Informed Consent document that verifies your understanding.



The informed consent also includes information about:

- ▶ How the sample will be collected and used in research.
- ▶ How medical information will be stored.
- ▶ What information will be provided to other researchers if they receive your sample to conduct their research.
- ▶ How long your sample may be stored for research.
- ▶ How and if you can withdraw your consent for research to be performed on your sample.

Please Be Part of the Cure. Volunteer Today.



If you would like to donate your tissue and/or blood samples for research purposes, please call a participating clinic.

For additional information about the importance of tissue and blood donation:

- ▶ Hoosier Oncology Group
www.hoosieroncologygroup.org
- ▶ Research Advocacy Network
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