



## BC Children's Hospital BioBank

### Assent Form (Children aged 7-13 years)

#### Invitation

I am being invited to be part of the BC Children's Hospital BioBank because I am being treated for a disease at BC Children's Hospital. It is up to me if I want to be part of the BioBank. No one will make me do it. Even if I agree to take part, I can change my mind later. No one will be upset with me if I choose **not** to donate samples to the BioBank.

#### What is a BioBank and Why Do We Need One?

Doctors and Scientists are always making new discoveries about what happens in all types of diseases. My doctors and scientists are building a "bank" (like a bank for money) of samples such as blood from patients with childhood diseases so that they can try to make new discoveries and improve medicines for other children in the future.

#### How Does this Banking Work?

If I agree to be a part of the BioBank, I will be asked to give an extra sample such as blood at a time when my doctors are taking the sample anyway. The doctors will not poke me again, unless I agree to have an extra blood samples taken. I can refuse to have extra blood samples taken and still be in the BioBank, if that is my choice. The samples will be stored and used in the future for research studies which have been approved by people who say that the research is a good idea. The scientist who gets my sample may ask to get medical information about me so they can better understand what they are seeing when they do their research. My samples will be given a code so that when they give the sample to researchers they will not have to give out my name, birthday or anything else that shows who I am. My samples could be stored in the BioBank until I am an adult and so the BioBank will try to re-contact me when I reach the age of 19 years to ask if I still agree with my samples being stored in the BioBank.

#### Who Will Know I Am Donating to the Bank?

Only the BioBank staff will have information about me. My parents and I do not have to tell anyone I have donated to the bank if we don't want to.

#### When Do I Have To Decide?

I can take as long as I like to decide if I want to take part in the BioBank. Any of the doctors or nurses involved in my care can direct me to the BioBank staff who can answer any questions I have about the bank. The BioBank will attempt to contact me when I turn 19 years old so that I may decide as an adult whether I would like to continue to be a part of the BioBank.

#### Signature:

If I put my name at the end of this form, it means I agree to donate samples to the BC Children's Hospital BioBank.

Donor's printed name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor's Signature (optional): \_\_\_\_\_