

# BioBanking: How You Can Help Others

## Donating blood & other samples for medical research

You have the choice to donate your biological samples and medical information for research. If you choose to participate, samples will be collected from you and stored in the BC Children's Hospital BioBank.

Despite its name, BC Children's Hospital BioBank collects samples from patients at BC Women's Hospital and BC Children's Hospital.

### What samples and information may I be asked to donate?

Biological samples include:

- Blood
- Vaginal swabs
- Urine and other samples
- Samples after the birth of your baby
  - Blood from your umbilical cord
  - Placenta



Medical information includes things such as:

- Demographic information
- Information related to your pregnancy and birth

### Why should I donate?

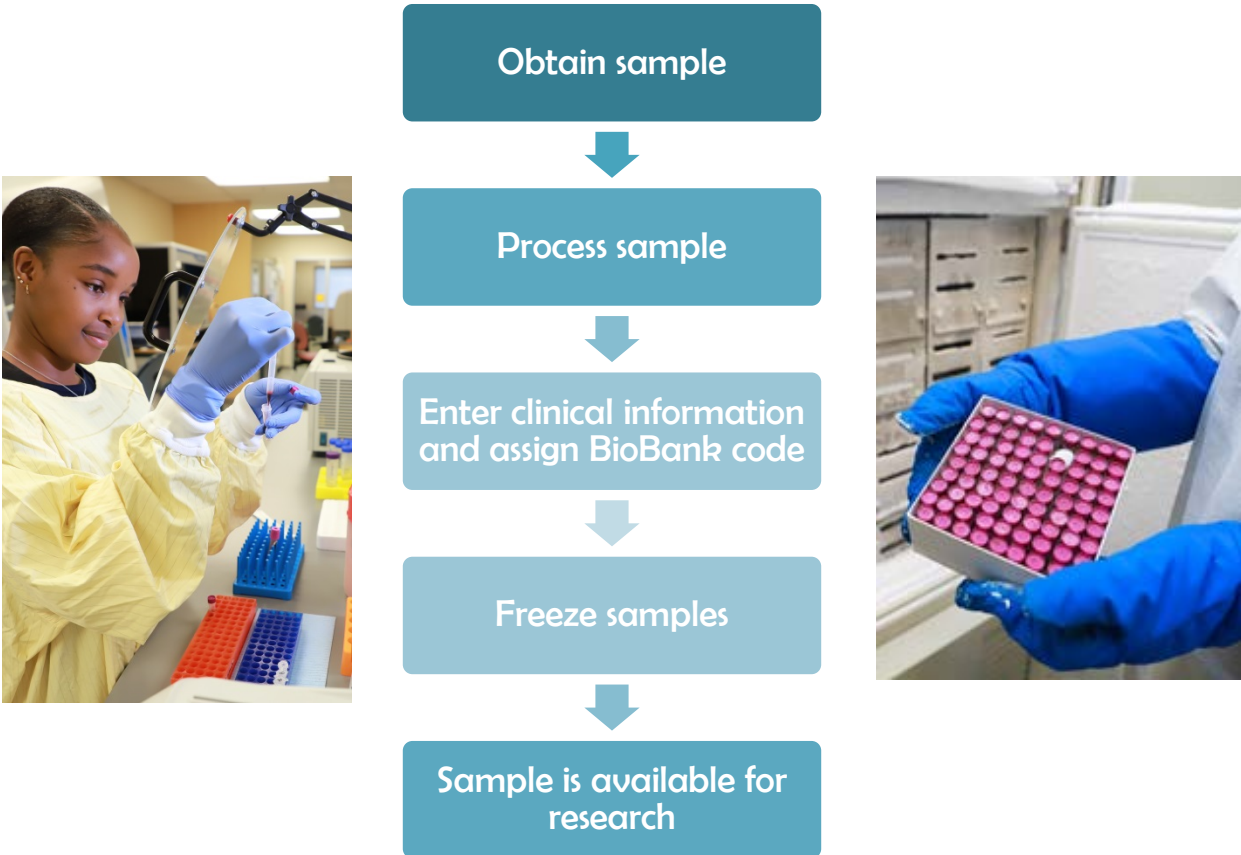
Knowing information about you and your pregnancies will help researchers to improve their understanding of pregnancy so they can develop better care for pregnant women. The BC Children's Hospital BioBank makes sure that your information and samples will not be used to identify you and are safely and confidentially stored.

### How do I donate?

Talk to a member of your healthcare team and let them know you would like to donate your biological samples and medical information to the BioBank. You can also email the BioBank at [biobank@cw.bc.ca](mailto:biobank@cw.bc.ca) or phone 604-875-2000 ext 6423. BioBank staff will ask for your written consent and explain how and when samples will be taken.

What happens after I donate?

The BioBank will securely store your samples and information and send them to worthwhile and ethical research projects. In certain urgent situations you may be asked to give verbal permission to donate your sample. Samples will not be given out for research without full consent.



The BC Children’s Hospital BioBank is directed by a group of doctors that makes sure the BioBank operates in a way which looks after both patients (you) and the samples.

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