

## Tissue and Sample Donation Program



UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, one of the leading cancer centers in the nation, conducts research that spans from the laboratory to the bedside to the community.

By choosing to donate your tissue, you have a chance to help researchers learn more about cancer and discover new and better ways to prevent, diagnose, and treat cancer. You can be a part of the research team to help improve the lives of all cancer patients.



### Samples and tissues

Samples and tissues include materials from your body such as tumor or normal tissue, blood, skin, hair, saliva, and urine.



### Donating samples is your choice

Before you decide whether to donate, it is important you understand what donation is, how it works, and how you can play a role by agreeing to take part in the program.



### Samples used in research

Researchers use your samples, along with those from thousands of other patients, to look for ways to prevent, find, or treat health problems like cancer.

Many people like knowing their sample donations will help researchers advance medicine and improve the treatment of others.



### Patients who can donate

Patients from all backgrounds are encouraged to donate samples. Ask your doctor for more information.

### Note from a patient

Knowing that my tissue sample could help researchers find a better treatment, or a cure, gives me much needed hope. I'm thankful to be a partner in this process. ~ Missy Van Lokeren



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