

Who is organising and funding the research?

This is a research project run by NHS Wales and supported and paid for by the Welsh Assembly Government and Cancer Research Wales. The medical team involved in your treatment and care will receive no payment because of your involvement in this study.

Who has approved/reviewed the study?

The Multi Centre Research Ethics Committee for Research in Wales has approved, and will regularly review this study

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Thank you very much for taking the time to read this information. Should you agree to take part in this project, your generosity ensures that future generations will benefit.

Contact for Further Information

If you would like further information you can either

- ask the person who has provided this leaflet to you
- phone the **Secretariat on 02920 529226**
- write to:

Wales Cancer Bank Secretariat
Grove Mews
Cardiff University
1 Coronation Rd
Birchgrove
Cardiff CF14 4QY

- contact the Director of Wales Cancer Bank,
Professor Malcolm Mason (029 2031 6964)

If you have access to the internet you can visit the project website
www.walescancerbank.com

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PARTNER/FRIEND INFORMATION SHEET

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We are inviting you to take part in a research study. Before you decide whether to take part however it is important for you to know why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with your partner, family, friends or your GP, if you wish.

What is the Wales Cancer Bank?

The Wales Cancer Bank is a project that aims to collect samples of blood and samples of tissue from patients throughout Wales. Samples collected will be used for research by scientists in Wales. The samples may also be used by other researchers who are carrying out similar research projects in other countries, in cooperation with research groups in Wales. This is an ongoing study that will collect tissue and blood samples over many years.

Why have I been chosen?

Your partner or friend has recently been asked to donate tissue from their operation to the Wales Cancer Bank. We would like to ask you to give a sample of your blood (approximately 4-8 teaspoons or 20-40ml) that will allow us to examine any environmental effects you both may have been exposed to. This under no circumstances infers that we feel you may be suffering from a similar illness to your partner/friend. The information that we can obtain from your blood sample will, in the long run be vital in our research.

In effect, you act as a "placebo" or "control" for your partner's/friend's blood sample.

All the information that we obtain will be strictly confidential.

What would this research involve for me?

Simply signing a consent form and giving a blood sample. Any information about you that leaves the hospital/surgery will have your name and address removed so that you cannot be recognized from it.

Does this affect my future medical care?

You are under no obligation to enter this study. If you allow us to take a blood sample for research, and you change your mind at any point, you can withdraw your sample from the project. However, some of your sample may already have been used for research. Giving this sample would not in any way affect any future medical treatment that you may require.

Participation in this study is unlikely to have direct benefits for you or your partner/friend, though it may be of benefit to patients with a similar condition to your partner/friend's in the future.

Are there any possible side effects?

You may have some discomfort from the blood sample collection. **You do not have to undergo any other extra procedures apart from this as part of the study.**

Are there any implications for insurance?

We will not disclose any information about you to any third party such as insurance companies and will keep all the information we have about you strictly confidential at all times. Under the Data Protection Act you are entitled to see what is recorded about you by applying to the Director of the Wales Cancer Bank, Wales Cancer Bank, Grove Mews, Cardiff University, 1 Coronation Rd, Birchgrove, Cardiff CF14 4QY.

What will happen to the results of the research study?

Research studies usually take several years to complete. The results from these studies will be used to improve treatment and care of patients in the future. Results will be published as appropriate in scientific papers and magazines and regular updates of research in progress, research results and other relevant information will be published on the project website (www.walescancerbank.com). All information will be anonymised and therefore you will not be identified in any publication.