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Every Patient is Unique

Just as every person is one-of-a-kind due to the unique combination of genes they inherit, cancer is unique as well. Cancers are usually classified by the organ in which they are first detected and how they look under a microscope, and this forms the basis for doctors to prescribe standard treatments.

However, we know that individual patients with “the same kind of cancer” do not always respond the same way to standard treatment. We now know that different tumors “of the same kind” have different types of gene mutations that cause them to behave and respond differently. This has led to the development of personalized medicine, where drugs are being developed and used to treat cancer on the basis of these molecular changes.

You can provide your own unique and special contribution to medical research in this field by allowing us to collect tissue and blood specimens from you, get information on your healthcare and share this with doctors and researchers across the country.

Learn More

For more information about the **Total Cancer Care Program** at UVA Cancer Center, please contact the following individuals and entities and refer to research protocol **IRB-HSR 18445**.

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Who Should Participate?

We seek participation from adults who are:

- Diagnosed with cancer
- Being evaluated for cancer
- At risk for cancer

What Will Participants Be Asked to Do?

- Read and sign a consent form to enter the research study.
- Donate between 4 and 12 teaspoons of blood during a routine blood draw, as needed for research projects, not to exceed 12 teaspoons in an eight-week period.
- Donate bone marrow samples during a routine bone marrow procedure that is part of your normal care, not to exceed 2 teaspoons in a four-week period.
- Donate a cheek cell sample as needed for research projects not more than two times per year.
- **Optional:** Donate lymph node biopsy sample during a routine lymph node biopsy performed as part of your normal care.
- If you are having surgery, allow any leftover tissue not needed for your diagnosis to be put in a tissue bank for future research.

No additional surgery will be performed nor will extra tissue be taken for this purpose; only tissue that would otherwise be discarded will be banked.

- Allow us to obtain information from your medical records about your disease, risk factors and treatment.
- Allow us to contact you if we find additional studies that might be suited to you.

What Will Happen With My Samples?

Your samples may be used by researchers at UVA, other research institutions or commercial companies for studies aimed at understanding genetic and other molecular changes that occur in cancer and related diseases. This includes analysis of DNA (genes) in the samples.

All samples, clinical data and genetic information sent outside of UVA will be coded so that you will not be directly identified by researchers who are given access to your samples, clinical data and genetic information.

Our History

UVA established one of the first tumor registries in the world in 1932, which has been in continuous existence since then, tracking cancer patients and their outcomes to treatment. Researchers at UVA have discovered several of the major molecular pathways that are now the targets of specific cancer therapy. UVA Cancer Center's strengths in cancer research and therapy have supported its status as a National Cancer Institute (NCI)-designated cancer center since 1987.

Why is Sharing Good?

We believe that your generous donation of samples and information is best served if it can make the broadest impact in cancer research. Therefore, we are involved in several national research networks in which we share specimens and data, and we ask you to join us in these collaborations.

We are part of the Oncology Research Information Exchange Network (ORIENT), one of the largest cancer research networks in the country, and we use this protocol to share information and specimens with other researchers in the network.

