

Patient/Parent/Guardian - Better Outcomes for Children FAQ

1. What is Better Outcomes for Children?
Better Outcomes for Children is a project to get consent from patients and families to let us use their leftover clinical samples for research.
2. When/where are samples obtained from the patient?
Samples will be obtained from the clinical lab once the lab is finished with them. If the patient has agreed to participate in the project, we keep the sample in our lab until it is used up.
3. What does it cost the family to participate in this study?
There are no costs to the participants although they must still pay for their normal medical care.
4. How many participants will be enrolled in the study?
The goal is to ask every patient who registers at CCHMC in a participating clinic if they would like to donate any leftover samples for the project.
5. Will the donors' identity be kept confidential?
The sample will be given a code and not the name of your child.
6. How can results be returned if the researcher does not know who donated the sample?
Only the research team can link the sample code to your child, not the researcher.
7. What if someone does not want to participate?
Participation in this study is completely voluntary.
8. Will treatment be affected if a patient/family refuses to participate in BOfC?
Medical treatment will not be affected if you choose not to participate in this study.
9. What if a patient/family changes their mind later and want to be removed from or included in the project?
The patient/family must contact a member of the project team (513-636-8695 or betteroutcomesforchildren@cchmc.org).
10. Will treatment be affected if the patient/family decides to withdraw?
*Medical treatment will **NOT** be affected if you choose to withdraw from the study.*
11. What research will be performed on these samples?
Samples will be used to improve diagnosis and treatment of diseases and to better understand normal biological processes in humans. Any research at Cincinnati Children's Hospital may be supported with these samples. A few examples include: Allergy, Arthritis, Asthma, Cancer, Genetic Diseases, Heart Disease, Human Development, Infectious Diseases, Injuries, Premature Births, Sports Medicine and Surgery.
12. How long will the samples be kept?
Samples will be kept until they have been used up.
13. Who should a family contact if there are questions?
*For answers, contact:
513-636-8695
betteroutcomesforchildren@cchmc.org
or check www.cincinnatichildrens.org/betteroutcomesforchildren*