

NOBODY WANTS GIST TUMOURS WE DO....

NATIONAL GIST TISSUE BANK

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Gastro **I**ntestinal **S**traloma **T**umours (GIST) are rare.

Around 800 new patients are diagnosed with GIST cancer in the UK each year.

**The national GIST tissue bank is based
at The Royal Marsden, London.**

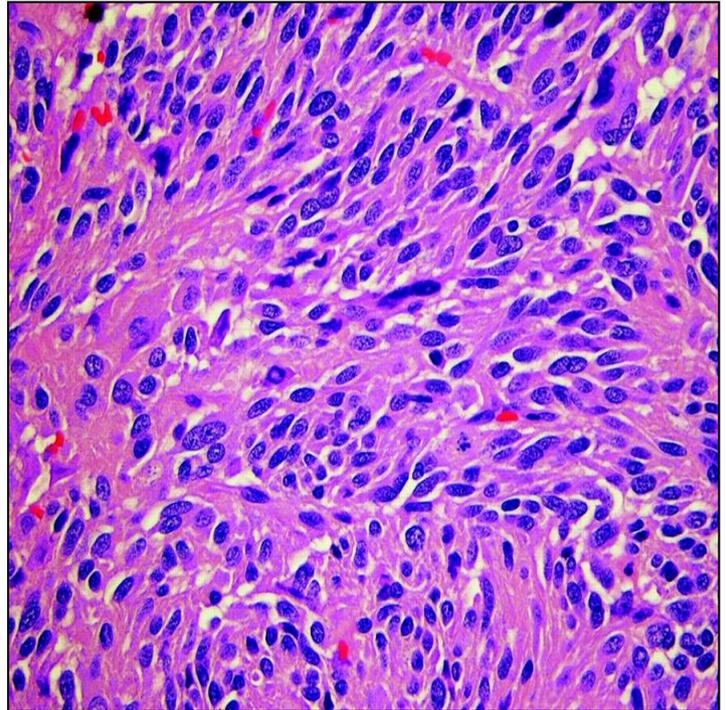
What does this mean for you?

- This bank is a valuable resource that supports GIST cancer research locally, nationally and internationally.
- It provides researchers with a diverse selection of high-quality GIST tumour specimens and clinical data obtained by dedicated tissue bank staff who follow strict procedures and ethical guidelines.
- Research will progress faster if there is a good supply of GIST tissue upon which to test potential treatments and develop new diagnostic tests.

How will the Tissue Bank Operate?

Operating within the Royal Marsden in London, the GIST Tissue Bank coordinates the collection, storage and distribution of a variety of biospecimens including fresh, frozen and paraffin blocks in addition to blood samples and clinical data.

Working in collaboration with pathologists, medical oncologists, surgeons and other hospital personnel, specially trained staff obtain patient consent, collect samples and assemble clinical information about each donor and their corresponding specimens.



HOW YOU CAN HELP THE GIST TISSUE BANK...

If you are a GIST patient who has had or are about to have a GIST tumour removed.

Please request that some of your tumour tissue is either sent to or registered with the National GIST tissue bank.

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