

NATIONAL GIST TISSUE BANK

INFORMATION FOR CLINICAL STAFF



Access to primary clinical samples (tumour and matched normal blood) is vital to progress our understanding of rare tumours such as [GIST](#).

With your help we can grow a national collection of samples available to anyone with a good quality research proposal.

Please try to assist in this research by sending samples to the:

National GIST biobank

If you have samples to donate/register please contact: [Mairi Lennie](#)

biobank@rmh.nhs.uk

0208 6426011 / 0208 661 3568

for details of the consent and donation process see:

www.gistcancer.org.uk/national-gist-tissue-bank/

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS...

Has ethical approval been obtained to do this study? Yes

The Royal Marsden Biobank is a REC approved Research Tissue Biobank which allows collection from any Trust within the NHS from patients of all ages.

Is the Biobank covered by an HTA licence? Yes

Samples are collected under an HTA research licence

Will we need to obtain an HTA licence? No

As long as samples can be transported within 7 days of being made available for research.

Will I have to obtain informed consent to use the samples in research? Yes

A full protocol with the necessary forms can be sent on request.

Will my R&D department need to approve the collection of samples? No

But they will need to be informed that collection is intended.

What kind of samples do you need?

Ideally we would like samples of:

- fresh frozen tumour
- a stain H&E slide and
- a matched sample of normal blood
- clinical data

Will we have to pay for transport? No

We will meet all the costs associated with transport.

What should we do if our hospital already operates a GIST tissue bank locally?

Please make sure that your samples are registered with the [National GIST Tissue bank at the Royal Marsden](#).

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