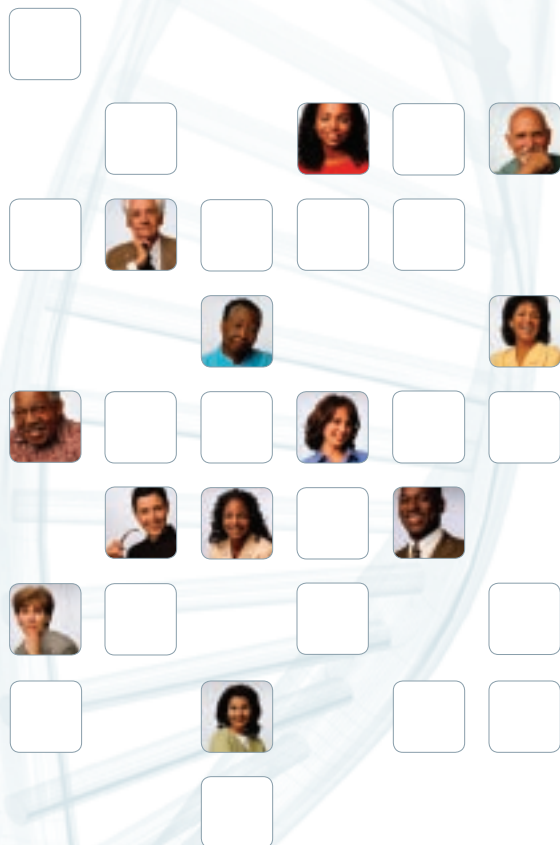


The Goal

Advances in science and technology are making it possible for us to examine the roots of health and illness. We now know that a person's genetic makeup (DNA) influences their overall health and wellness. It is our hope that studies using the Mayo Clinic Biobank will advance our understanding of disease.



TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE **BIOBANK**:

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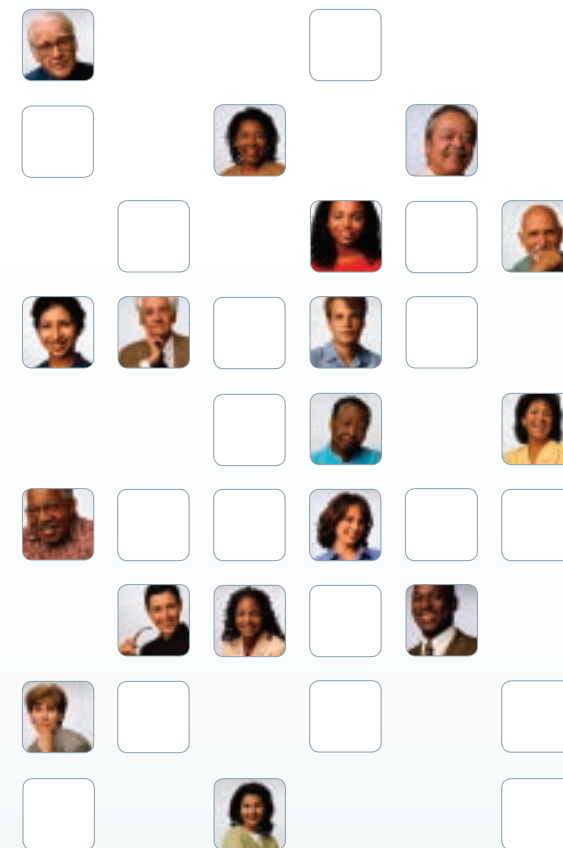
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An Innovative Research Tool

Today we are asking you to join Mayo Clinic as we develop a new research resource that will serve us now and in the future.

The Mayo Clinic Biobank is a collection of samples and health information donated by volunteers. We need Mayo Clinic patients to contribute blood samples and health information to this project. The Biobank makes it easier for researchers to perform studies, since samples and information from many different people will be available in one place. Researchers can use the biobank like a library. When they want to study a health issue they can use Biobank samples instead of finding new samples.



How to Participate

The Biobank will ask some Mayo Clinic patients who have an appointment to participate. Alternatively, you may ask to take part in the Biobank. Biobank participation is voluntary.

Before you decide whether to participate, you may:

- ▶ Call study staff with any questions or concerns you may have, *and/or*
- ▶ Set up an appointment with study staff to learn more about the Biobank.

If you decide to participate, you will be asked to:

- ▶ Sign a document saying that you want to participate.
- ▶ Complete a questionnaire about you, your lifestyle, and your family's medical history.
- ▶ Allow us to obtain information from your Mayo Clinic medical record.
- ▶ Provide a blood sample. If you are having blood drawn as part of your clinic visit, you will not need to have blood drawn again. There is no charge to you for this blood draw.



In addition, you may decide to:

- ▶ Allow researchers to study any tissue samples doctors have removed during a medical procedure but are no longer using for your care. Note that this is *not required* for Biobank participation. You will *not* be asked to have extra surgeries or procedures.

In the future we may ask you to continue donating to the biobank by:

- ▶ Filling out more questionnaires.
- ▶ Providing more samples.

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