

# **Mayo Clinic Biobank**

## **Participation**

Thank you for your interest in the Mayo Clinic Biobank. In this pamphlet you will find details about the process of donating to the Biobank.

### **How are participants chosen?**

Patients are selected from appointment lists in General Internal Medicine, Primary Care Internal Medicine, and Family Medicine. Recruitment will start at Mayo Clinic Rochester and eventually expand to other Mayo Clinic locations (Florida, Arizona, and the Mayo Health System). Other Mayo Clinic patient's (18 years of age or older) may also volunteer for the Biobank, if interested. All participation is voluntary.

### **Will there be cost?**

You will not need to pay for tests and procedures done just for the Biobank. The procedure you will need to have to participate in the Biobank is a blood draw.

However, you or your health insurance will need to pay for all tests and procedures that you have as part of your medical care.

### **Will I be paid?**

No. However, when you return the completed questionnaire, you will receive a choice of one or more items worth a total of \$20. These items are in recognition the time you spent giving a blood sample and filling out the questionnaire.

There is a chance that Mayo Clinic may make money from the use of your donated sample. If that happens, you will not be offered a share of the earnings. As a not-for-profit organization, Mayo Clinic uses all profits from products developed at Mayo to support ongoing research and educational activities.

### **Can I find out how my sample is being used?**

No. You will not be told exactly which research studies are using your samples and information. Not all participants' samples will be used for every research study. You will be able to get general information about all research studies that use the Biobank.

### **How can I find out what research studies are using the Biobank?**

Some of the ways Biobank information will be available to you include the following:

- one or more newsletters per year
- a web page for this project
- e-mail (biobank@mayo.edu)

You can decide to stop receiving this information at any time.

### **Will I find out if researchers discover anything about my health?**

Many research studies will be performed using samples from the Biobank. During individual research studies, researchers could find out important information about your health. They might

discover something about your health right now, or about your risk of getting sick in the future. Researchers will not discover something about every donor, so you are not guaranteed to receive results.

Since decisions about health and disease are very personal, no one can predict which results donors will want in the future. Therefore, we have set up the Biospecimen Trust Oversight Group, which includes members of the community, to help us decide which results may be helpful to donors, and how those results may be returned to donors. Names will not be mentioned during this process. It may be necessary to meet with a health care professional to get test results.

### **Who do I contact if I have questions about the Biobank?**

Please call either (507) 293-0203 or our toll free number 1-866-613-2386 to talk with one of our study staff who can answer your questions or provide you with additional information. You may also contact Biobank staff by email ([biobank@mayo.edu](mailto:biobank@mayo.edu)) to schedule a time to meet with one of our study staff.