



Did you know . . .

- The Hematology Cell Bank of BC was started in 2005 under the guidance of the Hematology Research and Clinical Trials Unit (HRCTU)
- Since its inception, the HCB has collected over 20,714 samples from patients and donors such as yourself
- With the use of these samples 39 research projects have been conducted providing new knowledge about ways to diagnose, treat, and prevent leukemia

Thank you for considering being a part of this initiative!



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HELP US FIGHT BLOOD DISEASE: JOIN THE HEMATOLOGY CELL BANK

What is the Hematology Cell Bank?

The Leukemia/BMT Program, in partnership with the Stem Cell Assay Laboratory at the BC Cancer Research Centre/BC Cancer, established the Hematology Cell Bank of BC (HCB). It is a collection of blood and bone marrow samples collected from patients and donors that are used for research purposes only.

These 'ready to use' samples are essential resources for research projects and have already been used to make important new discoveries about the development of blood disorders and advancements in their treatment.

Who is eligible to participate?

- **Patients** undergoing a bone marrow biopsy, blood collection, leukapheresis or bone marrow harvest as part of a clinical procedure for the treatment of a blood disease
- **Healthy individuals** undergoing a leukapheresis or bone marrow harvest for stem cell donation

Your Role in the HCB

By consenting to donate samples to the Hematology Cell Bank of BC you will be helping us to carry out research that will give us a new and better understanding about blood diseases, allowing us to develop better tests and more effective treatments.

All samples for the HCB are collected at the same time you have samples taken to make a diagnosis or help guide your treatment. Collecting HCB samples does not require any additional time or procedures.

What are the risks?

There are no additional health risks to donating samples to the HCB beyond those associated with your procedure.

Researchers who wish to use samples stored in the HCB must meet rigorous ethical requirements of the BC Cancer Research Ethics Board.

If you decide to participate . . .

All eligible persons will be informed of the Hematology Cell Bank prior to cell collection. You will be given an opportunity to read and sign a consent form that ensures you understand how your cells will be collected and used. You will also have an opportunity to ask your health care provider any questions you may have.

After collection, your sample will be stored in a conserving environment; any personal information regarding your sample will be held in a secure database with the utmost regard to your privacy.

If you decide not to participate . . .

Participation in the HCB is completely voluntary. If you decide not to participate there will be no changes in regard to your present or future care with the Leukemia/Bone Marrow Transplant Program.

You may also choose to withdraw your participation with HCB at any time by contacting the HCB Coordinator.