

# 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:

[gistbiobank@rmh.nhs.uk](mailto:gistbiobank@rmh.nhs.uk)

0207 8118395

for details of the consent, donation and application processes see:

[gistcancer.org.uk/national-gist-tissue-bank/](http://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
- FFPE tissue block and
- a stain H&E slide and
- a matched sample of normal blood
- clinical data

**Will we have to pay for transport?**

**Yes** - If you are a researcher requesting tissue there will be a charge for retrieval, processing and transportation agreed under a MTA.

**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**.