

# 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 set up 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 or register please contact: [Janine Salter](#)

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for details of the consent and donation process see [www.givemysample.org](http://www.givemysample.org)

### 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 over the age of 16.

**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](#).