

# Explanation about the further use of patient data and samples for research purposes

Dear Patient,

The diagnosis and treatment of diseases has progressed significantly in recent decades. This progress is the result of long-standing medical research in which doctors, scientists and patients of several generations have actively participated. With this in mind, the University Hospital Basel considers itself to be not just a treatment centre, but rather a research institute that promotes outstanding research in the interests of patients.

**We are therefore requesting your personal contribution, in order to enable further advances in medicine.**



## How can you make your personal contribution to research?

You can make blood or tissue samples that are taken from you during your stay with us for diagnostic or treatment purposes available in encrypted form for potential medical research projects. The same applies for medical data from your medical records (e.g. age, examination results).



## Who receives your data and samples?

Your samples and data are only accessible to authorised persons from the University Hospital Basel, in accordance with the Swiss Data Protection Act. If your data and samples are required for national or international research projects, they must be encrypted. Encrypted means that your name and date of birth are replaced with a number so the information can no longer be traced back to you. Only a few authorised persons at the University Hospital Basel will know which name belongs to which number.



## Who controls the meaning and purpose of the research project?

All research projects involving your data or samples are subject to the legal provisions applicable in Switzerland and must be approved in advance by an Ethics Committee.



## What important information do you need to know?

- Your decision has no effect on your medical treatment.
- Your decision is voluntary and can be withdrawn at any time.
- You can obtain further information at [www.unispital-basel.ch/forschung-mit-patientendaten](http://www.unispital-basel.ch/forschung-mit-patientendaten) or in the „Information concerning the further use of patient data and samples in research“ brochure which is located in the waiting areas or available upon registration.

**Please inform us of your decision on the form below.**

**Many thanks for your involvement!**