Research Fact

Did you know the biggest delay in bringing new drugs and treatments to market is not the time needed for discovery, but the time required to find willing individuals to participate in research and development? This is why our blood center has joined a network of other blood collectors across the United States to build a database of generous people, willing to consider participating.

How to Enroll

Using your donation number or your donor identification number printed on the post-donation instruction sheet, go to my.bio-linked.org. If you donated at a center location, you may also receive an email containing a link to the Bio-Linked website.

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What is BIO-LINKED?
It is an electronic roster of people willing to help researchers find cures and treatments.
You submit a confidential, self-managed profile of only the medical and social information you are willing to offer. This allows us to then anonymously search to find people who meet research needs.

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WILL I EVER RECEIVE PAYMENT FOR PARTICIPATING?
Possibly, but each research project is different. Some, but not all, have budgets for paying participants.

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WHAT HAPPENS TO MY INFORMATION?
Your information is stored in a private, secure database used to locate people with specific medical, family and social backgrounds that match up with research opportunities.

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WHO CAN SEE MY INFORMATION?
Only you and a few restricted staff at our blood centers can see your answers. Your information will never be shared with anyone else, unless you give written consent. You have trusted us as a blood donor, and we will never break that trust.

WHAT WILL I EVER BE PRESSURED TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH?
Absolutely not! If you match a researcher’s need, one of our staff will contact you. If you have any interest in participating, we will explain what is needed, and how that may affect you. The choice to move forward is completely yours. Unless you agree, the researcher will never know your identity.

Another way you can improve the lives of patients. Get linked to meaningful research at my.bio-linked.org

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How will my information be used?
Scientists contact our blood center for help with clinical trials and basic research. The researchers are often looking for people with very specific conditions or symptoms. When a researcher contacts the blood center, we will search the Bio-Linked database to see if anyone matches the need. If an individual is a fit, we will contact that person and ask if he or she is interested in participating.

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