

About the Coriell Institute for Medical Research

The Coriell Institute for Medical Research is an independent, not-for-profit research organization dedicated to understanding human genetic diseases and providing the highest quality genetic resources.

The Coriell Institute:

- Houses the world's largest biobank
- Distributes cell lines and DNA worldwide
- Conducts research on stem cells, genetic variation, cancer, and the utility of personalized medicine



More information is available at:

www.coriell.org



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The NIGMS Human Genetic Cell Repository

Help build a research resource for scientists studying inherited genetic diseases and chromosomal abnormalities



Donate a blood sample to the National Institute of General Medical Sciences Human Genetic Cell Repository at the Coriell Institute for Medical Research

What is a cell repository?

A collection of well-characterized, high-quality human cells for use in biomedical research. The NIGMS Human Genetic Cell Repository at Coriell Institute in Camden, NJ was established in 1972. The repository now contains over 10,000 cell lines. The collection contains cell lines and DNA derived from cells that have been acquired from individuals with inherited diseases, from apparently healthy individuals, and from individuals of diverse geographic origins.

Why should I donate my sample to the NIGMS Human Genetic Cell Repository?



With the help of generous donors like you, the NIGMS Repository at the Coriell Institute has been able to create an internationally recognized research resource of unparalleled scope.

Samples from the repository have been used in over 5,000 scientific publications and have been utilized by scientists in more than 50 countries.



How do I donate a sample?

To donate your sample to the NIGMS Human Genetic Cell Repository, you or your child must have an inherited genetic disease or chromosome abnormality. We are limited in the number of samples we can accept for each disease; please contact us for eligibility.

- Request a blood collection kit by contacting Tara Schmidlen, MS, CGC at 856-757-4822 or tschmidl@coriell.org
- Complete the informed consent, submission form and clinical data summary form
- Have blood drawn
- Use the pre-paid FedEx label to return the kit with your sample and completed paperwork

Is there any cost to donate?

Coriell covers the cost of shipping. It is recommended that your sample be collected during a scheduled doctor's visit. We can reimburse you up to \$40 if you need to pay to have your blood drawn at a draw station, like Quest or LabCorp.



We take the privacy and confidentiality of each donor *very* seriously. We use the following measures to protect the privacy of donors:

- Assign a code number to each sample
- Remove donor's name and any personally identifying information
- Follow strict guidelines that forbid us from distributing ANY personally identifying information to recipients of materials generated from donated samples
- A Certificate of Confidentiality from the National Institutes of Health-protects the repository from being compelled by federal, state or local court order to disclose your participation without your written consent

In the future, if you decide that you no longer wish to participate, you may contact the NIGMS Repository Genetic Counselor by phone (856-757-4822) or e-mail (NIGMS@coriell.org) and request that your remaining undistributed sample(s) and clinical information be withdrawn.

How will my sample be used?

Samples donated to the NIGMS Repository are used by scientists for a variety of purposes, including:

- Discovery of disease genes and their function
- Further study of known genes/gene expression
- Development of new genetic tests



We are **NOT** able to tell individual donors how their samples were used or who accessed materials generated from their sample. Donors will **NOT** receive results of any testing performed on their sample or materials generated from their sample.