

Research and Patient Privacy

Why do researchers use patient health information and leftover biospecimens?

Research using patient health information and leftover biospecimens (for example, blood left over from a diagnostic test, tissue that is not necessary for care that was removed during surgery, etc.) can help us better understand diseases and health conditions.

We can learn what causes health conditions, how to treat them, how to prevent them, and how to improve ways to get the right help to patients at the right time. This kind of research is why we have many of the treatments that patients benefit from today. Health information and biospecimens can support research that might improve healthcare for you, your community, or other patients like you.

Does Michigan Medicine do this kind of research?

Hospitals across the country, including Michigan Medicine, do this kind of research with patient health information and biospecimens. It can help us learn how to make healthcare more efficient and effective, so that more people can get the care they need when they need it.

Where can I learn more information?

More information about research and patient privacy at Michigan Medicine is available on the UofMHealth.org website. Click on the “Patients & Visitors” menu and select “For Patients.” From that page, click on “Patient Privacy” and then “Research and Patient Privacy.” You can also use this direct link:

UofMHealth.org/research-patient-privacy or scan the QR code below:



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