Help us advance cancer research

At UW Carbone Cancer Center, WiscShare provides all patients the opportunity to share information and samples to help us advance cancer research.

How can you participate in WiscShare?

Use this QR code to watch a video explaining how we use your donation and review the consent form. If you agree, you may electronically sign, and it will be transmitted to the WiscShare team.

If you have questions, you can speak with a member of the WiscShare team at (608) 262-8884 or e-mail wiscshare@uwcarbone.wisc.edu

How WiscShare Works

Patient

Donation of blood/tissue samples

Advancing research

Community, state and global impact

NCI Designed Comprehensive Cancer Center

National Comprehensive Cancer Network

UW Health
What are we asking you to share?
Extra samples (tissue, blood, other fluids) and information about you and your treatment.

How will it be shared?
Your samples and information will be stored securely within the UW Carbone’s special storage unit known as the BioBank. When researchers at UW and collaborators need these samples, they will be released without your name or other identifying medical information attached. In special situations, some researchers may have special permission to identify you for the purposes of matching information with samples. In either case identifying information will be maintained and secured.

What type of information will be shared?
Information about you, including cancer diagnosis, history, treatment and prior exposures to potential cancer-causing agents. We are also asking you to share information about the genes in the tumor and in your family because these affect the behavior of cancer.

What type of samples will be shared?
Medical tests and procedures often collect more tissue than needed to take care of you. When there is extra material, we are asking you to share it for research. We also may ask you to give extra tubes of blood when you are getting a blood draw ordered by your doctor.

What type of research is done at UW Carbone Cancer Center?
UW Carbone Cancer Center was one of the first U.S. national comprehensive cancer centers. Researchers engage in many types of research:
• Prevention of disease and cancer
• Earlier disease diagnosis and intervention
• Prediction of disease response to treatment
• Improving outcomes and patient survival

If you agree to share your extra samples and medical information, you will help scientists discover new ways to prevent, detect, treat and defeat cancer. Less commonly, some researchers may use samples for research for other important diseases. By sharing your sample and information, you make this research possible.

Are there any costs or payments associated with your participation?
No, there is no cost to you or payment for participating in WiscShare.

Does your participation benefit you directly?
You are not expected to benefit directly from donating your samples. However, these results may benefit other patients in the future.

Want to participate?
Flip to back to learn more.