



Information sheet

Further use of health-related personal data and biological material for research purposes

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Dear Patient

During your stay at the Stadtspital Zürich (STZ), health-related personal data (hereinafter referred to as: «data») and possibly also biological material from your body (hereinafter referred to as: «samples») e.g. samples of blood and other bodily fluids, tissue samples will be taken from you. These samples in connection with the data are very valuable for medical research. We therefore ask for your consent to use these samples and your data for research purposes.

Stadtspital Zürich is a central hospital with clinics, institutes and centres in various locations like Waid, Triemli, etc. Your consent applies to all locations of Stadtspital Zürich, even if you have only given your consent at one of these locations.

Your consent for research purposes

With your consent, researchers can scientifically analyse your data and conduct tests on your samples. This consent concerns data at all locations of the STZ that relate to your health or person. This includes entries in your medical history concerning the course of disease and treatments you have received, results of imaging examinations or laboratory testing, details of your genetic predisposition to certain illnesses (genetic data) and details about your person (age, gender). The samples involve previously removed biological material (blood, urine or tissue) that is no longer required for the purposes of diagnosis or treatment.

It is possible that during the course of your stay at a location of the STZ, you will be asked again to provide consent for research purposes. This may be the case if, for example, the clinic that is responsible for you wishes to take additional samples from you or scientifically examine a specific issue. Your treatment team will inform you if this is the case.

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- ▶ Language versions for the information sheet and consent form: **Deutsch, English, Français, Italiano, Español, Português, Shqip, Srpskohrvatski, Türkçe**
→ [triemli.ch/forschung/gk](https://www.triemli.ch/forschung/gk)
→ [waidspital.ch/forschung/gk](https://www.waidspital.ch/forschung/gk)



Protection of your data and samples

The use of the data and samples and their forwarding to researchers in Switzerland and abroad are subject to strict regulations. Only a small number of people are authorised to view your medical history. These people are responsible for your treatment or have permission (within the framework of a research project) to view your data.

Data used for research purposes must be **coded** as swiftly as possible, meaning that all identifying details – such as your name, date of birth, insurance number, etc. – are replaced by a code. Only people with access to the key (a document matching codes and names) can thus associate them with your person.

The **samples** are stored securely in a biobank. A biobank is a systematic collection of samples and associable data stored under clearly stipulated conditions. Samples and genetic data may only be passed on to researchers if they are **coded or anonymised**. Anonymised means that all the identifying details have either been rendered unrecognisable or deleted so that it is no longer possible to trace them back to your person.

Forwarding of your data and samples

If data and samples are forwarded in coded form to researchers **outside** the STZ, the key will remain at the STZ, where it will be stored securely by an office not involved in the research project. For research conducted abroad, it must be ensured that at least the same data protection requirements are upheld that apply in Switzerland. In addition, the data protection provisions of the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) apply to the passing on of data and samples to any EU country.

In general, research projects must also be approved by the local ethics committee, which assesses whether the project and its conduct are scientifically and ethically sound, and whether the legal requirements, in particular data protection, are complied with.

Research results

The findings from research projects involving data and samples usually contribute to improved medical care only for future patients. If, however, certain results should prove relevant for your own health and a medical measure is available, you will be informed of this as far as possible (however, this is not feasible in research with anonymised data and samples). Nevertheless, such situations occur very rarely.

By volunteering your data and samples for research purposes, you waive the right to any share in possible profits that could arise from the results. Neither you nor your health insurer will incur **any costs** resulting from the research projects.

Your rights

Your consent is voluntary and generally has no expiry date. However, you are entitled at any time to withdraw your consent without stating the reasons (**revocation**). To do so, please contact the clinic treating you. In the event of revocation, your data and samples will no longer be made available for research projects.

Deciding for or against granting your consent, or withdrawing your consent, will have no effect on your medical care.

The German version shall be authoritative in case of any doubts.

► **Should you have any other questions about the further use of your data and samples for research purposes, please contact your attending physician or visit our website**
→ [triemli.ch/forschung/gk](https://www.triemli.ch/forschung/gk) or
→ [waidspital.ch/forschung/gk](https://www.waidspital.ch/forschung/gk)



Declaration of consent

to the further use of health-related personal data (data) and biological material (samples) for research purposes

Last name and first name of patient

Date of birth

I have read and understood the information sheet that is part of this declaration of consent (Version 3.0 dated 01.06.2022) and feel sufficiently informed.

I know that

- my consent applies to all locations of the Stadtspital Zürich (STZ);
- I have the possibility of obtaining additional information and viewing it on the Internet;
- my data and samples are only allowed to be passed on to other institutions in Switzerland and abroad for research purposes in anonymised or coded form;
- I can be contacted if health-related information is found that is relevant to me;
- my decision is voluntary and has no influence on my medical care;
- I can revoke my decision at any time without stating the reasons and that the revocation is binding;
- in case of any doubt, the German version takes precedence over documents in a foreign language.

I consent to

- the further use of my health-related personal data (including genetic data) and biological material as described above for research purposes:

YES

NO

We thank you very much for your valuable contribution to research.

Town/City	Date
Patient signature	Only if a minor or without legal capacity: Signature of authorised representative
	Relationship with the patient (e.g. "mother")