

WORKING FOR BETTER HEALTH

Good clinical practice will take care of the patients of the present but good biomedical research is necessary to take care of the patients of the future.

What is a Biobank?

Biobanks collect and store high quality human samples (tissues and bodily fluids). Researchers can apply to Biobanks to analyse the samples for their research to improve diagnosis and treatment for patients.

Researchers could use your samples to:

- Find out how diseases develop in order to try and prevent them
- Find new ways to diagnose and treat diseases
- Develop and test new drugs
- Try and work out which treatments work for particular groups of patients
- Find better ways of controlling side effects and symptoms

The Northern Ireland Biobank (NIB) provides an ethical and governance framework to consent patients and collect tissue samples across a range of disease types.

Our vision is to be a world leading regional biobank consenting and collecting samples from patients throughout Northern Ireland.

All information is treated confidentially and no researcher will ever receive patient-identifiable information from the NIB.

