



**TISSUE BANK AT THE  
IU SIMON CANCER CENTER**

To Whom It May Concern:

You are receiving this letter because one of your patients is requesting a copy of her digital mammogram. This letter is designed to help explain why this request is being made and what is needed. If you have any questions about this, please contact Amy Trullinger at 317-274-4051 or [ajtrull@iupui.edu](mailto:ajtrull@iupui.edu).

The Susan G. Komen for the Cure Tissue Bank at the IU Simon Cancer Center ("Komen Tissue Bank") was established in 2007 through a grant from Susan G. Komen for the Cure. The Komen Tissue Bank is a part of Indiana University and is structured as a clinical trial. The Komen Tissue Bank collects breast tissue and blood primarily from women who have not had breast cancer. This tissue bank of normal breast tissue is the only one of its kind in the world. It is becoming an increasingly valuable resource as a normal control for breast cancer researchers and we expect important research to result from the use of these samples.

Alongside its biorepository of tissue and blood samples, the Komen Tissue Bank is beginning to establish a digital repository of information that correlates to the tissue and blood donors who are participating in our clinical trial. One of the pieces of data that we would like to include in this digital repository is mammograms of women who have donated their breast tissue to the Komen Tissue Bank.

We are asking ladies to obtain copies of their mammograms so that we can include such in our database for researchers to use as they search for a cure for or ways to prevent breast cancer.

Our project only allows for digital mammograms to be captured as part of this collection of data about our tissue donors so therefore, please do not send film mammograms.

We would very much appreciate it if you could please provide to your patient a copy of her digital mammogram on the cd she has provided you. We will strip any identifying information from the mammogram as we will only be identifying it with a barcode number.

If the patient in question does not have a digital mammogram, please let her know this and we will have to move forward without her mammogram.

If you are sending the mammogram to us directly, please send it to the following address:

Komen Tissue Bank  
550 University Blvd., Room AOC 6042  
Indianapolis, IN 46202

This is very important to our research project. If you have any concerns about this information, please contact Amy Trullinger at 317-274-4051 or [ajtrull@iupui.edu](mailto:ajtrull@iupui.edu). Thank you for your cooperation in this request.