



TO PARTICIPATE, YOU MUST:

- Be a woman at least 18 years of age
- Have the ability to understand and the willingness to sign an informed consent. *(No signs of dementia or any psychiatric conditions that would not allow the understanding or rendering of informed consent.)*
- Be willing to give about an hour and a half of your time to complete an informed consent, a medical history questionnaire, and a blood and breast tissue sample collection.
- Not be allergic to local anaesthetics *(numbing medicines such as lidocaine.)*
- Not be receiving a therapeutic blood thinner *(this does not include aspirin.)*
- Not have breast implants.

DID YOU KNOW:

Black women tend to have poorer survival rates than women from other racial and ethnic groups in the U.S. Studies have found that they often have aggressive tumors that are harder to treat.

Breast cancer is still the most common cancer (and the leading cause of cancer death) among **Hispanic/Latina women**. Their breast cancers are often found at a later stage, making the chance of dying from breast cancer higher.

After immigrating to the U.S., **Asian women's** breast cancer risk escalates to rival that of Caucasian women, who have the highest risk. Breast cancer is the most common cancer in Asian-American women.

Source: <http://www5.komen.org/>

Get Involved ~ Be a Tissue Donor

As a woman, you can contribute to breast cancer research. We are encouraging women of diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds to donate.

The **Susan G. Komen Tissue Bank at the IU Simon Cancer Center** was created in response to a need by scientists carrying out breast cancer research: understanding what is abnormal in breast cancer is slowed down by our lack of knowledge about what is normal.

By collecting tissue from women with and without breast cancer, or with a variety of benign breast conditions, scientists will be able to determine differences which ultimately could lead to a better understanding of the breast cancer process.

PROTECT YOUR LEGACY:

Your donation of healthy breast tissue is important to breast cancer research that may lead to better treatments or a cure. You could leave a legacy that is instrumental in protecting generations to come. Please note that this is not a diagnostic procedure and has no direct medical benefit to participants.

TISSUE COLLECTION INFORMATION:

Date and Time: Saturday, April 23, 2022 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: IU Health Simon Cancer Center, 2nd floor Women's Clinic, 1030 W Michigan St, Indianapolis, IN 46202

Pre-Registration is REQUIRED in order to participate; appointment times are limited.

Please call the Komen Tissue Bank at 866-763-0047 or visit our website, www.komentissuebank.iu.edu to inquire about the registration or tissue donation process.

