Dear Patient,

As you know, you are scheduled to have a new patient appointment at Dana-Farber/Brigham and Women’s Cancer Center. When you register, you will be asked to review a brochure that describes a cancer research study, being conducted hospital-wide, to learn as much as possible about the causes and potential treatments for cancer.

If you agree to participate in this study, you will be asked to allow us to store and use some of the leftover blood and/or tissue samples obtained during the course of your care. Researchers may analyze these samples and their genetic composition (DNA) to better understand how genes influence the behavior of different types of cancers. By participating in our cancer research study, you will help the doctors and researchers at Brigham and Women’s Hospital (BWH) and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute (DFCI) to understand and find new ways to treat, and hopefully, prevent cancers, leukemias and selected blood disorders in the future.

We are offering participation in this study to all patients regardless of age, health status, race or ethnicity. Participation is voluntary. We hope that you will consider participating in our cancer research study. If you choose not to participate, your health care will not be affected in any way at the participating hospitals.

We hope that you will take time to read the enclosed brochure. Please call 617-632-6008 if you have questions before your appointment. Thank you for considering this important research initiative.

Sincerely,

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