



Dear Patient,

Thank you for trusting us with your care. Before your first visit, we want to share some information about a cancer research study that is being conducted at Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH) and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. This important research study will help us learn as much as possible about the causes and potential treatments for cancer and related blood disorders.

When you visit Central Registration (during your first appointment at Dana-Farber) or the BWH Weiner Center, we will ask you to consider participating in the Cancer Research Study. If you agree, we will store and use some of the leftover blood and/or tissue samples obtained during the course of your care for use in current and future research studies. As an example, 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 this study, you can help doctors and researchers at BWH and Dana-Farber to better understand the behavior of cancers, which will help us to develop new treatments and hopefully prevent cancers and related blood disorders in the future.

This study is open to all patients, regardless of age, health status, race, or ethnicity. Participation is voluntary. We hope that you will consider participating. 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 Cancer Research Study brochure and detailed information sheet included with your new patient materials. Please call 617-632-6008 if you have questions about this study before your appointment. Thank you for considering this important research initiative.

Sincerely,

The Cancer Research Study Team  
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Brigham and Women's Hospital