

Information sheet for the further use of patient data and biological samples for research purposes

Dear patient

Research is the basis for the improvement of medicine. There have been great strides made in the recognition and treatment of illnesses over the last few years. This has only been possible thanks to research. Our hospital wants to provide top-quality medical services. As a treatment centre on the one hand, and in the research field on the other – for the benefit of patients.

Under Swiss law, we may use data concerning your illness for research purposes provided we have your written consent. The same applies for biological samples that have been collected in the course of your treatment. Therefore, we would like to request your assistance in this regard.



How can you assist research?

Data from your medical file and biological samples (e.g. blood, urine, or tissue samples) are valuable for research. Samples left over after treatment are normally disposed of. With your consent, these data and samples can be used for medical research. Your consent is voluntary. Your decision has no influence on treatment in our hospital. You can revoke your consent at any time and without giving reasons. Sometimes results from a research project can be important for your own health. If possible, we will inform you regarding these results. This is extremely rare, however.



How are the protection and safety of your data and samples regulated?

Under Swiss law, your data and samples are kept strictly confidential. Only authorised persons at our hospital are granted access to them. These persons are either involved in providing you treatment or have been authorised by the ethics committee to view your data and samples. If data are used for research projects, they must be encrypted as soon as possible. Personal information, such as name, date of birth, or insurance number are replaced with a code. The key (code corresponding to a specific person) remains at our hospital and is stored securely. We may only provide samples and genetic data in anonymised or encrypted form. Anonymised means that all personal information is deleted so that no one can trace the data back to your identity. Research conducted in foreign countries must meet, at the very least, the same data protection requirements that are in place in Switzerland.



Who approves and monitors research projects?

Your data and samples may only be used for research purposes with the corresponding permission. This is granted by a cantonal ethics committee. This means we only make data and samples available for authorised projects.



Would you like to know more?

You will find more information on the further use of your patient data and samples in the information brochure. This can be obtained from the information desk in the main entrance or from your attending doctor. It can also be found here:

<https://www.ksw.ch/studien-und-forschung/weiterverwendung-von-daten/>

**Please let us know your decision on the following form.
Many thanks for your interest.**

Declaration of consent for the further use of patient data and biological samples for research purposes

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Patient

Family name _____

First name _____

Date of birth _____

I confirm that

- I have received the information sheet pertaining to this declaration of consent (version 8, 14/12/2017) and upon request the comprehensive information brochure;

I hereby agree

- that my health-related data (including genetic data) and biological samples may be used for research purposes in the manner described.

YES **NO**

Place, date:

Signature
(patient)

Authorized person (if applicable):

Surname/name

signature:
