

General consent

# Our research for your health



Please help us to continue our research  
so that we can keep improving the healthcare  
we provide.

Dear patient, dear parents,

Our ability to diagnose and treat diseases has progressed significantly in recent decades. This progress is the product of many years of research conducted thanks to the active involvement of medical practitioners, scientists and many different generations of patients.

This kind of research relies heavily on the use of data from the medical records of patients. This can include, laboratory test results, information about treatments and hereditary predispositions to specific diseases. In addition, biological samples collected during hospital stays that are no longer needed for diagnostic purposes are also extremely valuable for research. These kind of left-over samples include blood, urine and tissue samples.

Many thanks for your support.



You can find out  
more about research  
at LUKS and about  
general consent at  
[luks.ch/gk](https://luks.ch/gk)



All of this information is also available  
in different languages



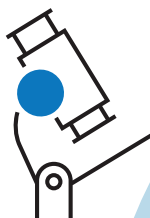
# Information on the secondary use of health data and samples for research purposes.

This information sheet describes how you can contribute to advances in medicine and explains how patient data and rights are protected.

## Your contribution to research

Signing the consent form below with a «yes» will signify that you agree to your health data and surplus samples being made available for research purposes. Your consent applies to all data that has already been collected or will be collected in the future at the hospital. It also applies to biological samples.

Your consent is voluntary and is valid for an unlimited period of time unless revoked (withdrawn). You have the right to revoke your consent at any time via the contact address given on the form, without having to give a reason. If you revoke your consent, your data and samples will not be made available for new projects. Your decision will have no effect on your medical treatment.



## Advantages and disadvantages

It does not involve any additional costs for you. By law, the data and samples cannot be used for financial gain. For this reason, neither you nor the hospital will benefit financially. Research based on data and samples does not usually yield

information that is directly relevant to the health of a particular individual. However, if such research were to result in any important findings concerning a condition for which medical treatment is available, the hospital may contact you.



## Use of health data and samples the hospital will process and safeguarded the data in compliance with statutory regulations.



The data and samples will be made available to authorized researchers at our hospital for research or may be used in collaborative research projects involving other public or private institutions (other hospitals, universities or pharmaceutical companies).

Such research may be conducted in Switzerland or abroad and may involve genetic analysis. Research abroad is subject to data protection standards that are, as a minimum, as stringent as those in Switzerland. Research projects are always subject to review by the competent ethics committee.

## Use and protection of data and samples



The only people with access to unencrypted medical record data and unencrypted samples are authorized LUKS employees, such as doctors. The samples are stored in biobanks. A biobank is a structured repository of diverse samples subject to strict security regulations (biobank regulations).

If the data and samples are used for research they will be encrypted or anonymised. Encrypted means that all personal data, such as names or dates of birth, are replaced by a code. The key that can be used to identify which code is associated with which person is kept safe by an individual not involved in the research project. Without the key there is no way of identifying the data and samples. If the data and samples are anonymised, there is no key that could lead to an individual being identified.

## Declaration of consent for the secondary use of health data and samples

Patient label  
(including first and last name and date of birth)

Last name and first name of patient

Date of birth

I hereby consent to the use of the health data and samples collected from me during my inpatient or outpatient hospital stay for research purposes.

Yes

No

I hereby acknowledge that information sheet (version 4.0 / K/15.03.2023) details the provisions for the secondary use of the data and samples.

- I have read and understood this information.
- my personal data will be protected.
- my data and samples may be used in national and international projects within public and private institutions.
- my samples may be genetically analysed for research purposes.
- patients may be contacted in the event an analysis reveals information relevant to them.
- my consent is voluntary and has no effect on my treatment.
- my consent applies indefinitely.
- I may withdraw my consent at any time without giving a reason.

Place and date

Signature (if capable of consent)

### For adolescents and children under 18 years

- Consent for children and adolescents under the age of 14 must be provided by their parents or legal guardians.
- Adolescents between 14 and 18 years of age are entitled to provide their own consent, but their parents or legal guardians' signature should always be obtained in addition.

Name of parents or legal guardian and their relation to the patient

Place and date

Signature (if capable of consent)

We will be happy to provide you with a signed copy of this page.  
If you have any questions, please contact the doctors treating you or