The National ALS Biorepository (Biorepository) is part of the National ALS Registry. It will include samples from persons with ALS (PALS) who are enrolled in the National ALS Registry.

**Biorepository**

The term biorepository usually refers to a facility that collects and stores samples of biological material. These samples could include blood, urine, tissue, cells, DNA, and proteins. Some medical data may also be stored along with a written consent form.

**How to Take Part**

You must be enrolled in the National ALS Registry to take part in the Biorepository. Only PALS who indicate an interest in the Biorepository will get an information packet. After you agree to get more information, you will need to provide your mailing address and phone number. The Biorepository will try to include as many PALS who want to take part as possible.

**ALREADY ENROLLED?**
Log into your Registry account and update your account.

**NOT ENROLLED?**
Visit the Registry website www.cdc.gov/als and create an account.

**How It Works**

**WHAT MAY BE COLLECTED**

- **In-home** – blood, saliva, urine, hair, or fingernail clippings
- **Postmortem** – brain, spinal cord, cerebral spinal fluid (CSF), pieces of muscle, bone, and skin

**HOW IT’S USED**

Samples collected will be used for future ALS research. Researchers need to apply and have their research approved by ATSDR.