

National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES)
Consent for Specimen Storage and Future Research
(parents of children ages 1-17 years)

Q Why will a sample of my child's blood and urine be kept for future research?

A We would like to store some of the urine and blood that your child gives us during the exam for future research studies. These samples will be frozen and kept in a specimen bank for as long as they last.

Q What studies will be done with my child's samples?

A At this time, no specific studies are planned besides the tests included in your child's NHANES exam. As scientists learn more about health and diseases, other studies will be conducted that may include your child's samples. Researchers conducting these studies will not contact you or your child for any additional information.

We will keep strictly private all health data and samples that we collect in NHANES. Our staff is not allowed to discuss that you are part of this survey under penalty of Federal laws: Section 308(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42 USC 242m) and the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552A).

Q Who can use my child's samples for future research?

A Researchers from Federal agencies, universities, and other scientific centers can submit proposals to use your child's samples. These proposals will be reviewed for scientific merit and by a board that determines if the research proposed is ethical. The NHANES program will always know which samples belong to your child, but we will not give other researchers any information that could identify your child.

Q Will my child receive results from any future research tests?

A Most studies will simply add to our knowledge of health and disease. Therefore, we do not plan to contact you or your child with individual results from these studies. Periodically we will send a newsletter telling all NHANES participants about the research studies being conducted. If you or your child would like more general information about a particular study, you can call us at our toll-free number shown below.

Q How can I remove my child's samples from the specimen bank?

A In the future, if you want your child's samples removed from the specimen bank, call the toll-free number.

The results of research on your child's stored specimens may help find new ways to prevent, treat, and cure many diseases. Please read the sentence below and think about your choice. Circle the answer that is right for you and your child.

1. I agree that my child's blood and urine may be kept for future research to help understand health and disease.

Yes

No

I understand that my child's individual results from research studies will not be made available to us. I can contact the NHANES staff at 1-800-452-6115 to have my child's samples withdrawn from future research at any time.

Signature of participant's parent

Date

Signature of staff member

Date

Witness (if required)

(Date)

Print name
of participant

First

Middle

Last

SP ID