
Mitochondrial Disease Biobank
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Dear UMDF Member or Affiliate:

We are pleased to announce a new research resource at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota: the Mitochondrial Disease Biobank. This is the first biobank in the country specifically developed to study mitochondrial diseases. We are collaborating with the UMDF in hopes of identifying individuals who may be interested in participating in the Biobank.

A biobank is like a library containing biological samples (such as blood) and health information for researchers to use. Instead of having to look for volunteers for each new study on mitochondrial diseases, they can get samples from the biobank. The biobank also gives researchers a place to share data and results.

In general, individuals who have or are suspected to have a mitochondrial disease are eligible to donate to the Mitochondrial Disease Biobank. Their family members may also be appropriate participants.

Participants must:

- Read a description of the project, and then sign a document agreeing to participate.
- Complete a short medical and family history questionnaire.
- Allow us to obtain information from their medical record.
- Provide a blood sample.
- Allow us to obtain any clinical samples (such as skin or muscle biopsy, urine, etc) that their health care provider is no longer using.
- Agree to be contacted periodically (no more than twice a year, and typically much less).

Please visit our website (<http://mayoresearch.mayo.edu/mitochondrial-disease-biobank/>) for more information about participation in the biobank.

Contact a member of the study staff to discuss eligibility questions, or concerns at (507) 293-1386, (877) 594-2149, or mitochondrialdb@mayo.edu. Thank you for taking the time to consider participating in the biobank.

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