

# Your tissue, your choice

*- Guidance for those who have had a sample taken from biological material*

## What happens to your biological material?

If you have had samples taken, such as blood, tissue, or secretions, in connection with treatment in the healthcare system, the treatment facility may store your biological material in their biobank so that it can be used for future analyses related to your treatment or for research.

If you do nothing, the treatment facility will destroy or store the biological material safely.

## Your rights

You have the right to decide that your biological material may not be used for research, but only for your own treatment. You can do this by registering in the National Database of Non-Consent to the Use of Tissue Samples for Scientific Purposes (Vævsanvendelsesregisteret).

## Destruction of or information about your biological material

If you want information about your biological material or wish to have it destroyed, you should contact the place where the sample was taken. This will typically be at a hospital or with your general practitioner.

The Danish Health Data Authority does not have access to or information about biological material; we are solely responsible for the registration with the National Database of Non-Consent to the Use of Tissue Samples for Scientific Purposes (Vævsanvendelsesregisteret).

## Your biological material, your choice

You can decide that your biological material may not be used for research and may only be used for your own treatment.

You can register via digital post using MitID on borger.dk here: [Registrering i Vævsanvendelsesregisteret](#), or you can alternatively complete and submit the form found on the next page. You also have the option to unregister from the register in the same way if you change your mind.

Your decision will be recorded in the National Database of Non-Consent to the Use of Tissue Samples for Scientific Purposes (Vævsanvendelsesregisteret) which all biobanks must consult before releasing biological material for research or any other purpose not related to your treatment.

## More information

You can read more on the Danish Health Data Authority's website: [Brug af biologisk materiale og genetiske oplysninger - Sundhedsdatastyrelsen](#)

# Registration with the National Database of Non-Consent to the Use of Tissue Samples for Scientific Purposes (Vævsanvendelsesregisteret)

Fill out the form to register or to change your registration

Civil reg. no.: 

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal code & city: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Tick off only once:

No, my biological material may not be used. My biological material may **only be used for my own treatment and for purposes that are directly related to my treatment.**

Yes, my biological material may be used. I have previously stated that my biological material may only be used for my own treatment and for purposes directly related to my treatment. **I now allow them to be used for other purposes permitted under applicable Danish law.**

This form is sent in a sealed envelope to:

Sundhedsdatastyrelsen  
Vævsanvendelsesregisteret  
Ørestads Boulevard 5  
2300 København S

**You will receive a confirmation via Digital Post if you can receive it, or physical mail, once the registration in the National Database of Non-Consent to the Use of Tissue Samples for Scientific Purposes (Vævsanvendelsesregisteret), has been processed by the Danish Health Data Authority.**

You can also sign up via your digital mail with MitID at [Registrering i Vævsanvendelsesregisteret](#)  
See more on the website: [Brug af biologisk materiale og genetiske oplysninger - Sundhedsdatastyrelsen](#)

# Registration of a child under 15 years of age

Complete the form to register or to change a registration for a child under 15 years of age

## Information about the child

Information about the child under 15 years old who is to be registered in the National Database of Non-Consent to the Use of Tissue Samples for Scientific Purposes (Vævsanvendelsesregisteret):

Civil reg. no.: 

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## Information about the parent

Information about the parent (custodian) registering on behalf of their own child (under 15 years old):

Civil reg. no.: 

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal code &  
city: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Tick off only once:

No, my child's biological material may not be used. My child's biological material may **only be used for the child's own treatment.**

Yes, my child's biological material may be used. I have previously registered that my child's biological material may only be used for the child's own treatment. **I now allow my child's biological material to be used for research.**

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## Registration of a child over 15 years of age

Parents cannot, as a rule, register in the National Database of Non-Consent to the Use of Tissue Samples for Scientific Purposes (Vævsanvendelsesregisteret), on behalf of their child once the child is 15 years old. It is only the child who can make such a decision, and therefore the registration must be made by the child themselves, according to section 17, paragraph 3 of the Health Act.