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## INFORMED CONSENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN A CLINICAL TRIAL

### Study Title for Study Participants:

Comparison of Tomosynthesis to Digital Mammography in Breast Cancer  
Screening

**Official Study Title for Internet Search on <http://ClinicalTrials.gov>:**  
Tomosynthesis Mammographic Imaging Screening Trial (TMIST)

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You have been invited to participate in this research study, which is being conducted by the Colorado Cancer Research Program (CCRP). It has been reviewed and approved by the by the National Cancer Institute, Central Institutional Review Board (NCI CIRB) which acts for CCRP and its consortium hospitals and affiliates. The Principal Investigator of CCRP is Keren Sturtz, M.D.

This is an important form. Please read it carefully or you may ask that it be read to you. It tells you what you need to know about this research study. If you agree to take part in this study, you need to sign this form. Your signature means that you have been told about the study and what the risks are. Your signature on this form also means that you want to take part in this study.

This is a clinical trial (a type of research study). Clinical trials include only patients who choose to take part. Please take your time to make your decision. Discuss it with your doctor, your friends and your family. You should also inform your study doctor of all prescription medications, over-the-counter medications, herbal products, and dietary supplements you take before you agree to take part in the study, and if you decide to participate you should consult with your study doctor before starting anything new while on study.

### Why am I being asked to participate in this study?

You are being asked to take part in this study because you are scheduled to have a standard digital mammogram as part of your routine breast cancer screening, which makes you eligible to enroll in a clinical trial that will compare two types of screening mammograms, Digital Mammograms and Tomosynthesis Mammograms, for breast cancer screening.

Digital mammograms provide two-dimensional (2-D), flat images of the breast. Tomosynthesis mammograms can be used to create three-dimensional (3-D) images of the breast. The 3-D images may allow doctors to “scroll through” images of your breast to better see the layers of normal breast tissue that can sometimes overlap abnormalities on regular digital mammograms.

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Please take time to make your decision. Participation in this study is voluntary.

### **What is the usual approach to my breast cancer screening?**

The usual approach to breast cancer screening is to have a mammogram every one or two years. This can include a digital mammogram with images of two flat views per breast or a tomosynthesis mammogram, which is a series of image slices through the breasts. The number of images making up a tomosynthesis mammogram is dependent on the tomosynthesis system in use and the preferences of the radiologists at the site.

In some women, the mammogram is also supplemented by other screening tests such as ultrasound or MRI.

### **What are my other choices if I do not take part in this study?**

If you decide not to take part in this study, you have other choices for your care. For example:

- You may choose to have the mammogram for which you were originally scheduled.
- You may choose to take part in a different clinical trial, if one is available.
- You may consult with your doctor about having a digital mammogram or tomosynthesis mammogram supplemented by another test such as ultrasound or MRI.
- You may choose to have a tomosynthesis mammogram outside of a study if it is available.

### **Why is this study being done?**

The main purpose of this clinical trial is to determine whether screening for breast cancer with tomosynthesis mammography is superior to digital mammography for breast cancer screening. To determine that, we are studying whether women who are screened for breast cancer with tomosynthesis mammography have fewer advanced breast cancers compared with the number of such cancers found when women are screened for breast cancer with digital mammography. This study will also compare whether there is a difference in the number of additional tests recommended after tomosynthesis mammography and digital mammography.

There will be about 164,946 people taking part in this clinical trial in the U.S. and Canada.

### **What are the study groups?**

This clinical trial has two assignment groups: type of screening mammography and screening frequency.

You will have a mammogram as part of your breast cancer screening, regardless of which groups you are assigned.

You will be randomly assigned by a computer to a screening mammography group. You will

be assigned to a screening frequency based on your age, breast density, family history of breast cancer, presence of known breast cancer genes, use of hormone therapy, and menopausal status. You will have a Digital Mammogram or a Tomosynthesis Mammogram either every year for a total of 5 mammograms or every two years for a total of 3 mammograms. Below are two simple tables that explain how screening frequency will be determined in this clinical trial. The first one is for women under age 70. The second one is for women ages 70 and over.

You will be informed of the test results after the mammogram has been interpreted by a radiologist at the mammography facility where the mammography was done, or by your physician, depending on the facilities routine policy.

Another way to find out what your experience will be during this research study is to read the chart below. Start reading at the left side and read across to the right, following the lines and arrows.

Factors determining Frequency of Screening for Women Participating in TMIST, ages 45-69	
Every Year	Every 2 years
You had your last period within the last 12 months or you have had a hysterectomy but still have your ovaries and are under age 52	None of the factors listed in Column 1 apply to you.
You have dense breasts by mammography	
You take female hormones prescribed by a doctor	
You have a family history of breast cancer or have breast cancer risk genes	

Factors determining Frequency of Screening for Women Participating in TMIST, ages 70-74	
Every Year	Every 2 years
You had your last period within the last 12 months	None of the factors listed in Column 1 apply to you.
You have dense breasts by mammography	
You take female hormones prescribed by a doctor	

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The assignment of the type of screening mammogram that you will have, digital mammography or tomosynthesis mammography, will be made if you consent to participate in the study.

The assignment of the frequency (every year or every two years) of your screening mammograms while you are in the clinical trial will happen if you consent to participate in the study if your breast density is known. If you have unknown breast density at time of enrollment into study, you will be informed of the results of your screening assignment for the study by a member of the site study team by phone or mail after your mammogram has been interpreted by a radiologist.

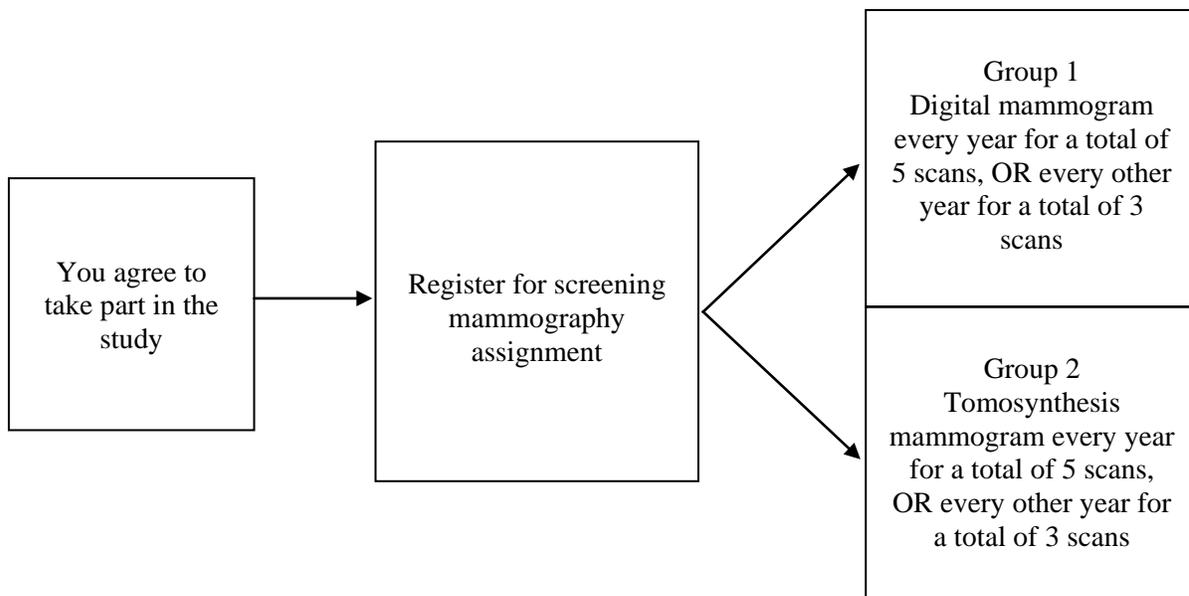
Your screening frequency can change based on changed risk based on your genetic testing, family history, or estrogen use.

The person who is recruiting you to this study will check the appropriate box below to let you know how frequently you will have screening mammograms as part of this clinical trial or whether you will learn whether you will be assigned to mammography every one year or every two years after your first study mammogram is completed.

- You will undergo screening mammography every year.
- You will undergo screening mammography every 2 years.
- You will be assigned to undergo screening mammography either every 1 or 2 years AFTER your first study mammogram.

You will be notified of your clinical results including breast density, through the standard policy of the facility where your TMIST mammogram is being done. You will be contacted either by the interpreting radiologist or by your physician.

Another way to find out what your experience will be during this clinical trial is to read the chart below. Start reading at the left side and read across to the right, following the lines and arrows.

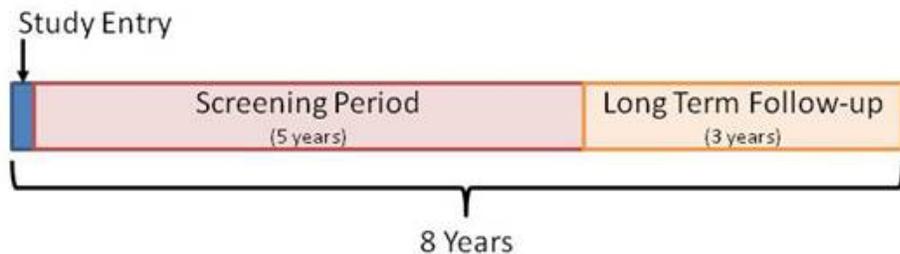


You will be asked to keep the assigned mammography screening method for all years of screening either every 1 or 2 years in this study.

If you are 74 years of age at the time of enrollment, you may not benefit from screening mammography regardless of screening arm. There is limited data on the potential benefit of mammography in women 75 and older.

### How long will I be in this study?

You are being asked to participate in the study for at least 8 years. The chart below explains your participation graphically.



### **Screening Period (first 5 years of the study after your study entry)**

During the period of screening using digital mammography or tomosynthesis mammography the first 5 years of your enrollment, you will be contacted within two months of your scheduled mammogram by the site where you are enrolled in TMIST to remind you to

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schedule and have your mammogram, either a digital mammogram or tomosynthesis mammogram.

If you do not return as scheduled for a study mammogram, you will be contacted up to three months after the anniversary date of your scheduled mammogram and asked to share the results of whatever breast imaging studies you have at other facilities, and to provide permission to share the reports for your breast imaging that took place at other facilities. In addition, you will be asked questions about your health, including your breast cancer status. There will be a maximum of 6 phone attempts and a single registered mail contact in order to reach you for this purpose.

If you undergo any breast imaging tests, biopsy or are diagnosed with breast cancer at any facility besides the one where you enroll in TMIST, you should inform personnel at the TMIST site about these incidents and permit access to these tests for use in TMIST. Materials that will be requested include imaging reports and any breast pathology and surgical specimens.

Unless you formally withdraw from the study, you are still considered part of this study, even if you miss scheduled screening mammograms.

### **Long Term Follow-up (for at least 8 years after your study entry)**

After the screening mammograms you are scheduled for that are part of this study in the first five years of your participation end, your routine breast cancer screening tests will be determined by your personal preferences and the recommendations of your primary care physician.

A review of your breast imaging records will be conducted at your enrolling facility. If you no longer attend routine screening mammography at the facility in which you enrolled in the study, the trial team at your enrolling facility will contact you around the anniversary date of your enrollment into the study and ask you to share the results of whatever breast imaging studies at outside facilities you have had. In addition, you will be asked questions about your health, including your breast cancer status. If your TMIST site personnel lose contact with you during the period of screening or follow-up, TMIST personnel will review your general medical record and state tumor registries for information about your health and breast cancer status.

Since you are giving permission for your medical records to be reviewed, you are considered part of this study even if you are no longer in contact with study personnel.

If you ever desire to formally withdraw from the study for any reason, you should contact study personnel at this mammography facility to inform them of your decision.

### **What extra tests and procedures will I have if I take part in this study?**

Most of the exams, tests, and procedures you will have are part of the usual part of breast screenings. However, there are some extra tests that you may have if you take part in this clinical trial.

You will have the following additional studies/tests during the clinical trial:

- Communication with study personnel regarding your health – You will be contacted every year after you have completed the screening portion of this study, for at least eight (8) years from your study entry. You will be contacted via phone, and will be asked to report general information about your health and whether you have been diagnosed with breast cancer or other serious health conditions. These calls are expected to require no more than 30-60 minutes of your time every year.
- You may be recommended for additional diagnostic imaging tests such as mammography extra views, breast ultrasound, or breast MRI if the interpreting radiologist recommends it based on an abnormal screening mammography finding. If a lesion is suspicious for cancer, a biopsy may be done as a result of your mammogram. If a biopsy is done, samples from the biopsied tissue will be sent for routine analysis, as per the clinical protocols at the center where the biopsy is performed. The procedures and tests performed as a result of these findings will be explained to you by your doctor and are part of your standard care.
- As part of this clinical trial, the results of the biopsy (tissue slides and copies of the reports) will be sent to another study pathologist who will reinterpret the biopsy samples. Also, some of the tissue from the routine clinical biopsy, if any is available after tests needed to determine your care are completed, will be submitted for genetic analysis in this clinical trial. You will not be given the results of these genetic tests. Both of these uses of the biopsy material, if you have a breast biopsy during your participation in the study are *required* as part of your participation in this study. If you agree, any leftover tissue after completion of the study specific tests, as well as collection of blood and cheek cells will be stored for Biobanking (see Section on Additional Studies for more details).
- If you are assigned to Group 1A: you will undergo your routine breast-cancer screening using digital mammography every year for 5 years.
- If you are assigned to Group 1B: you will undergo your routine breast-cancer screening using digital mammography every other year for 5 years.
- If you are assigned to Group 2A: you will undergo your routine breast-cancer screening using tomosynthesis mammography every year for 5 years.
- If you are assigned to Group 2B: you will undergo your routine breast-cancer screening using tomosynthesis mammography every other year for 5 years.

The Table below shows the procedures that you will experience if you participate in TMIST.

### TMIST Study Procedures

	At study entry	1 year after entry	2 years after entry	3 years after entry	4 years after entry	4.5 years after entry	Years 5-8 after entry
Screening Examination for those assigned to mammography every 1 year	X	X	X	X	X		
Screening Examination for those	X		X		X		

assigned to mammography every 2 years							
Questions regarding health						X	X
For those who have breast biopsy: submission of tissue	Tissue will be submitted at the time of biopsy.						
For those who consent to give blood ( <i>OPTIONAL</i> )	Blood will be collected one time, at the time consent is given, any time during TMIST participation.						
For those who consent to give cheek cells ( <i>OPTIONAL</i> )	Cheek swab cells will be collected one time, at the time consent is given, any time during TMIST participation.						

## What possible risks can I expect from taking part in this study?

If you choose to take part in this clinical trial, you may be at risk for side effects. Side effects of participating in this clinical trial **MUST** be reported to study personnel, if they occur. There also may be other side effects that we cannot predict. Many side effects go away quickly, but in some cases side effects can be serious, long lasting, or permanent.

As with any medical test, you may experience anxiety from having a mammogram. You should talk to your doctor if you experience any increased anxiety.

Questions asked in this study may be upsetting. You can stop answering questions at any time or skip any questions that you are uncomfortable answering.

No matter which group you are assigned to digital mammography or tomosynthesis mammography, suspicious findings from your screening mammogram may lead to further diagnostic imaging work-up or biopsy. This may or may not result in a diagnosis of cancer. For women participating in screening for breast cancer, approximately 10 out of 100 will have an abnormal result requiring further testing and approximately 1 out of 100 will undergo breast biopsy. Of the women who undergo biopsy, 20 to 40 out of 100 will have cancer, so many women will have extra tests and biopsies who do not have cancer.

If you do not join the trial, you will undergo screening mammography as per usual protocols at this clinic.

With screening mammography, there is a risk that the exam misses a cancer or leads to an unnecessary biopsy when you don't have cancer. A diagnosis of cancer leads to a treatment plan that can result in additional side effects and complications. It is somewhat difficult to determine which breast cancers are life-threatening, so some women diagnosed with breast cancer may receive more aggressive treatments than they need.

There is a risk that you may lose time at work or home and spend more time in the hospital or doctor's office than usual. You may be asked sensitive or private questions which you normally do not discuss. The study approach may not be better and could possibly be worse than the usual approach.

## Possible side effects related to Screening Mammography (Tomosynthesis and Digital Mammography):

### Likely

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- Pain and/or discomfort from breast compression;

**Less Likely**

- Bruising from breast compression;
- Tearing of the skin;
- Fainting.

**Radiation Risk:**

This clinical trial involves exposure to radiation, regardless of which arm you are assigned to, tomosynthesis mammography or digital mammography. The radiation dose will be within national guidelines for screening mammography, regardless of whether you undergo digital mammography or tomosynthesis mammography.

All people are exposed to background radiation during their daily life. Common sources of radiation are sunlight and radioactive elements that are commonly found in rocks and soil.

If you are assigned to undergo digital mammography, every time you have a mammogram in this clinical trial, the amount of radiation that you will receive is the same amount that you ordinarily receive from the environment in approximately one month of your ordinary life. If you are assigned to undergo tomosynthesis mammography, every time you have a mammogram in this clinical trial, the amount of radiation you will receive is doubled compared to digital mammography, or the same radiation dose you would ordinarily receive from the environment in approximately two months of your ordinary life.

Regardless which test you are assigned, the dose that you yourself receive may vary a bit from these average estimates. A woman who has larger breasts or has increased density by mammography will experience more radiation than a woman with smaller breasts or with less breast density.

The risk of harm from this amount of radiation is very low. While most women experience no harmful health effects, there is a very small possible risk of developing a future radiation-induced cancer from receiving radiation from any examination that uses x-rays. However, the benefit of finding cancer from a mammogram outweighs the very small risk of future cancer from the amount of radiation you will receive in your having a screening mammogram.

If you would like more information about radiation exposure associated with screening mammography, please speak with your study doctor.

**Reproductive Considerations**

Because possible exposure to radiation can damage an unborn baby, you will need to inform your study doctor if you are pregnant or suspect that you may be pregnant at the time of enrollment and at the time of each study mammography screening visit. You will not be able to enroll in the study, if you indicate that you are pregnant or lactating or if you don't know if you are pregnant when you are asked. If you are already enrolled in the study and become pregnant during the trial, you may not be able to undergo a mammogram when you are scheduled to do so. If that happens, you should let study personnel know why you are not returning for a screening examination. Once you have completed your pregnancy, you can

return for the next screening visit. If you are unsure of your pregnancy status at the time of a return visit for a study screening mammography, you should schedule your screening visit after you have had your next period.

For more information about risks and side effects, ask your study doctor or nurse.

### **What possible benefits can I expect from taking part in this study?**

Taking part in this study may or may not benefit you. The results of the mammogram you undergo will be used by your treating physician to screen you for breast cancer. Breast cancer screening with mammography has been shown to reduce deaths from breast cancer. Some findings that the radiologist who reads your mammogram sees may lead to additional imaging or treatment, such as biopsy. These risks are common in currently available breast cancer screening. The hope is to reduce these risks in the future, possibly through tomosynthesis mammography. We hope the information learned from this study will benefit other women during breast cancer screening and diagnosis in the future.

### **Can I stop taking part in this study?**

Yes. You can decide to stop at any time. If you decide to stop for any reason, it is important to let the study doctor know as soon as possible. If you stop, you can decide whether or not to let the study doctor continue to provide your medical information to the organization running the study.

The study doctor will tell you about new information or changes in the study that may affect your health or your willingness to continue in the study.

The study doctor may take you out of the study:

- If your health changes and the study is no longer in your best interest
- If new information becomes available that may affect your willingness to participate
- If you do not follow the study rules
- If the study is stopped by the sponsor, the Institutional Review Board (IRB) or Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

### **What are my rights in this study?**

Taking part in this study is your choice. You may choose either to take part or not to take part in the study. If you decide to take part in this study, you may leave the study at any time. No matter what decision you make, there will be no penalty to you and you will not lose any of your regular benefits. Leaving the study will not affect your medical care. You can still get your medical care from this doctor and hospital. If you decide to withdraw your consent to participate in this study, no additional information about you will be collected.

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We will tell you about any new information from this or other studies that may affect your health, welfare, or willingness to stay in this study.

*In the case of injury resulting from this study, you do not lose any of your legal rights by signing this form.*

For questions about your rights while taking part in this study, call the Institutional Review Board (a group of people who review the research to protect your rights) at 1-888-657-3711.

## **What are the costs of taking part in this study?**

You will have tomosynthesis mammography or digital mammography as your routine yearly or every other year screening mammogram. The cost of the screening will be billed according to routine clinical practice and you would be responsible for any co-pays.

The amount that you personally will pay if you are assigned to undergo tomosynthesis mammography in this clinical trial may be higher than the amount you personally pay for digital mammography. The costs to you personally are based on the amount charged by this clinic for the test you are having as part of this clinical trial after subtracting the amount paid by your specific insurance provider in covering that test at this clinic. Some insurance providers in some states/provinces consider tomosynthesis mammography investigational. *The costs for a mammogram could change during the trial, you should check with your insurance company for the costs you must personally pay prior to each of your future screening mammography mammography visits.*

If additional tests or biopsies are recommended after your study mammograms are interpreted, or if you are diagnosed with breast cancer during the study, the costs for your care will be billed according to routine clinical practice. You and/or your health plan/insurance company will need to pay for all costs of treating your cancer, including the cost of tests, procedures, or medicines to manage any side effects, unless you are told that certain tests are being done at no charge. This study does not provide any support for treatment or tests associated with cancer care.

You should contact your insurance company before enrolling in the study if you have any additional questions regarding potential costs. Some health plans will not pay these costs for people taking part in studies. Taking part in this study may or may not cost your insurance company more than the cost of getting regular cancer treatment. Please note that Medicare should be considered a health insurance provider.

Neither you nor your insurance company will be charged for the laboratory research studies performed for this study including the optional collection of cheek cells and blood specimen.

You will not be paid for taking part in this clinical trial.

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## **What happens if I am injured or hurt because I took part in this study?**

It is important that you tell your study doctor if you feel that you have been injured because of taking part in this study. You will get medical treatment if you are injured as a result of taking part in this study. You and/or your health plan will be charged for this treatment. The study will not pay for medical treatment. No funds have been set aside to compensate you in the event of an injury. You will not receive financial compensation from the National Cancer Institute (NCI), the Cooperative Oncology Group, the hospital, Colorado Cancer Research Program (CCRP) or the physician should injury or illness occur attributable to any of the risks described in the consent form. You should seek medical help for any injury. Your insurance company may not be willing to pay for clinical trial-related injury. If you have no insurance, you would be responsible for any costs.

If you feel this injury was a result of medical error, you keep all your legal rights to receive payment for this even though you are in a clinical trial.

## **Who will see my medical information?**

Your privacy is very important to us and the researchers will make every effort to protect it. However absolute confidentiality cannot be guaranteed. Your information may be given out if required by law. For example, certain states require doctors to report certain infectious diseases to health boards. However, the researchers will do their best to make sure that any information that is released will not identify you. If the results of this study are presented or published, your name and other personal information will not be used. Some of your health information related to your breast cancer screening exams from this study and information about any associated downstream clinical tests and procedures, and breast biopsies (if you have them), will be kept in a central database for research. No identifying information about you will be put in the database. Your mammography images will be uploaded to a computer. There will be no information that can be used to identify you included with the images.

The ECOG-ACRIN Cancer Research Group is conducting this study. ECOG-ACRIN is a cancer research group that conducts studies for the National Cancer Institute. Your doctor is a member of ECOG-ACRIN or another group that is participating in this study. To help protect your privacy, ECOG-ACRIN has obtained a Confidentiality Certificate from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). With this Certificate, ECOG-ACRIN cannot be forced (for example, by court subpoena) to disclose information that may identify you in any federal, state or local civil, criminal, administrative, legislative or other proceeding. Disclosure will be necessary, however, upon request of DHHS for audit or program evaluation purposes.

There are organizations that may inspect your records. These organizations are required to make sure your information is kept private, unless required by law to provide information. Some of these organizations are:

- The Institutional Review Board, IRB, is a group of people who review the research with the goal of protecting the people who take part in the study.

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- The National Cancer Institute in the U.S., and similar ones if other countries are involved in the study.
  - Other regulatory agencies and/or their designated representatives
  - Central Laboratories who receive your samples for testing or research. The central laboratories and review agencies may also give your protected health information to any of the individuals or organizations listed above.
  - Cancer Trials Support Unit (CTSU). The CTSU is a research group sponsored by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) to provide greater access to cancer trials.
  - The ECOG-ACRIN Research Group, which is coordinating the study
  - the Colorado Cancer Research Program (CCRP), Denver, Colorado, and its research staff;
  - other regulatory agencies and/or their designated representatives;
  - your health care providers who care for you during the Research Study;
  - government agencies (including non-U.S.) as authorized or required by law, including the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), the U.S. National Institute of Health (NIH), and the U.S. Office for Human Research Protection (OHRP)

### **Where can I get more information?**

You may visit the NCI Web site at <http://cancer.gov/> for more information about studies or general information about cancer. You may also call the NCI Cancer Information Service to get the same information at: 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237).

A description of this clinical trial will be available on <https://ClinicalTrials.gov>, as required by U.S. Law. This Web site will not include information that can identify you. At most, the Web site will include a summary of the results. You can search this Web site at any time.

### **Who can answer my questions about this study?**

You can talk to the study doctor about any questions or concerns you have about this study or to report side effects or injuries. Contact the study doctor at the telephone number provided on the signature page.

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***Optional Studies Section: \*Please note, this optional study collecting blood and cheek cells is not available to patients of the Women's Imaging Center\*\****

**This section is about optional studies you can choose to take part in.**

This part of the consent form is about optional studies that you can choose to take part in. You will not get health benefits from any of these studies. The researchers leading these optional studies hope the results will help other people with cancer in the future.

You will not be billed for these optional studies. You can still take part in the main study even if you say 'no' to any or all of these studies. If you sign up for but cannot complete any of the studies for any reason, you can still take part in the main study.

**Optional Sample Collections for Biobanking for Possible Future Studies**

Researchers are trying to learn more about cancer and other health problems. Much of this research is done using specimens of tissue, blood, urine, or other fluids. Through these studies, researchers hope to find new ways to prevent, detect, treat, or cure health problems.

Some of these studies may be about genes. Genes carry information about features that are found in you and in people who are related to you. Researchers are interested in the way that genes affect how your body responds to treatment.

At this time, we are requesting that you allow us to collect a sample of your blood and cheek cells and to store the samples for future research projects that may be done at a later date. We are also requesting that you allow the storage of leftover samples of your tissue for research projects that may be done at a later date. Storing samples for future research is called "Biobanking." The Biobanks are run by ECOG-ACRIN staff and researchers and are financially supported by the National Cancer Institute.

**What is involved if you provide your samples for research?**

If you have agreed to participate in the main study including the collection of tissue specimens (only if you have a breast biopsy) and if you agree to the optional blood and/or cheek cell collection, here is what will happen next:

1. Tissue specimens leftover after the central review and genetic testing (described above) will be sent to the Biobank.
2. Blood and cheek cells will be collected in coordination with your enrollment visit or during one of your study screening mammography visits.
  - a. About two (2) teaspoons of blood will be collected from a vein in your arm in coordination with your enrollment visit or during one of your study screening mammography visits.
  - b. Cheek cells by rinsing your mouth with mouthwash or salt water.

3. Your samples and some related health information will be stored in the Biobank. The information will be kept with specimens and information from other people who took part in this or other research studies.
4. Only qualified researchers can submit a request to use the materials stored in the Biobanks. A committee of experts at ECOG-ACRIN, and/or the National Cancer Institute, will review each request to use the specimens for research. All research projects using these specimens will also be reviewed by an ethics or institutional review board to ensure that the request is necessary and proper. Researchers who gain approval for use of your specimens stored in the ECOG-ACRIN Biobank will not be given your name or any other information that could directly identify you.
5. Neither you nor your study doctor will be notified when research will be conducted or given reports or other information about any research that is done using your specimens.
6. Results from the research may be placed in centralized storage systems called databases. It is possible that some of your genetic information and your health information may be placed in these databases. It is also possible that some of these databases may be public. Your name and other personal identifying information will not be a part of any of these databases.

#### **What are the possible risks in providing your samples for research?**

- The most common risks related to drawing blood from your arm are brief pain and possibly a bruise.
- There is a risk that someone could get access to the personal information in your medical records or other information researchers have stored about you.
- There is a risk that someone could trace the information in a central database back to you. The researchers believe the chance that someone will identify you is very small, but the risk may change in the future as people come up with new ways of tracing information.
- In some cases, this information could be used to make it harder for you to get or keep a job or insurance. There are laws against the misuse of genetic information, but they may not give full protection. There can also be a risk in knowing genetic information. New health information about inherited traits that might affect you or your blood relatives could be found during a study. The researchers believe the chance these things will happen is very small, but cannot promise that they will not occur.

A Federal law, called the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA), generally makes it illegal for health insurance companies, group health plans, and most employers to discriminate against you based on your genetic information. This law generally will protect you in the following ways:

- Health insurance companies and group health plans may not request your genetic information that we get from this research.
- Health insurance companies and group health plans may not use your genetic information when making decisions regarding your eligibility or premiums.
- Employers with 15 or more employees may not use your genetic information that

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we get from this research when making a decision to hire, promote, or fire you or when setting the terms of your employment.

Be aware that this Federal law does not protect you against genetic discrimination by companies that sell life insurance, disability insurance, or long-term care insurance. However, despite these exclusions from the Federal law, the applicable Colorado statute does prohibit genetic discrimination by regulated companies in the case of both group disability insurance and long-term care insurance coverage.

### **When my samples are used for research, how will information about me be kept private?**

Your privacy is very important to the researchers and they will make every effort to protect it. Here are just a few of the steps they will take:

1. When your specimens are sent to the researchers, no information identifying you (such as your name) will be sent. Specimens will be identified by a unique code only.
2. The list that links the unique code to your name will be kept separate from your specimen and health information. Any Biobank and ECOG-ACRIN staff with access to the list must sign an agreement to keep your identity confidential.
3. Researchers to whom ECOG-ACRIN sends your specimen from the Biobank will not know who you are. They must also sign an agreement that they will not try to find out who you are.
4. Information that identifies you will not be given to anyone, unless required by law.
5. If research results are published, your name and other personal information will not be used.

### **What are the Possible Benefits of allowing my samples to be used for research?**

You will not benefit from taking part.

The researchers, using the specimens from you and others, might make discoveries that could help people in the future.

### **Are there any costs or payments associated with providing my samples for research?**

There are no costs to you or your insurance. You will not be paid for taking part. If any of the research leads to new tests, drugs, or other commercial products, you will not share in any profits.

### **What if I change my mind about allowing my samples to be used for research?**

Even if you answer “Yes” to allow the collection of the blood and cheek cell samples, you may change your mind to allow the collection of only one or neither sample. Just tell the study team when the samples are being collected that you do not want them collected.

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If you decide you no longer want your specimens to be used for research, you can call the study doctor, at the telephone number provided on the signature page who will let the researchers know. Then, any specimens that remain in the bank will no longer be used and related health information will no longer be collected. Specimens or related information that have already been given to or used by researchers will not be returned.

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**What if I have more questions?**

If you have questions about the use of your specimens for research, contact the study doctor, at the telephone number provided on the signature page.

Please circle your answers to show whether or not you would like to take part in each option:

**SAMPLES FOR FUTURE RESEARCH STUDIES:**

May we have some of your blood and cells from your cheek for research in the future?

- **I agree to provide additional specimens for research.**

**YES**

**NO**

If a breast biopsy or surgery is performed, may we keep any tissue leftover after the central review and genetic testing for research in the future?

- **My samples and related information may be kept in a Biobank for use in future health research.**

**YES**

**NO**

This is the end of the section about optional studies.

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**My signature agreeing to take part in the study****SIGNATURE**

I have been given a signed copy of all pages of this form. I have read it or it has been read to me. I understand the information and have had my questions answered. I will contact my study doctor \_\_\_\_\_ **(name)** at \_\_\_\_\_ **(24-hour telephone number)** if I have additional questions or concerns during the study. I agree to take part in this study.

DATED \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant Name (Printed)\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Participant or  
Legal Representative

DATED \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Person Conducting the  
Informed Consent Discussion\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number of Person Conducting  
the Informed Consent Discussion

DATED \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Physician

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**NAMES AND ADDRESSES of three (3) people (other than spouse) who can always reach patient. Include at least one (1) from patient's hometown, if out of state.**

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

Last

First

M.I.

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Street

\_\_\_\_\_

City

State

Zip Code

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Full Name of Spouse:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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