

Indiana Familial Pancreatic Cancer Roster  
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The purpose of this roster is to collect information on families in which multiple family members have developed pancreatic cancer or in which a family member has developed pancreatic cancer at a young age. This information will be a resource for researchers studying the causes of pancreatic cancer as well as for researchers studying screening methods for pancreatic cancer.

Participating in the roster involves providing family history information and a blood sample. A family history form may be sent in order to obtain the family history information. Requesting medical records relating to the cancer diagnoses is also very helpful since it ensures that we know the exact pathology, or type, of cancer that developed. Medical release forms can be sent to help with this process. Blood samples are processed so the DNA can be collected, stored and eventually studied. One use of the DNA samples may be to identify changes in genes that may indicate an increased risk for developing pancreatic cancer.

To participate in this roster, you need to read the informed consent statement and authorization for release of health information for research. The authorization for release of information will be used only to obtain relevant medical records, for example, the pathology report for a tumor and/or records relating to pancreatitis. If you remain interested in participating, please complete and sign both forms and return to us via the enclosed business reply envelope. We will then call you to arrange for the blood sample. A kit can be mailed to you which contains the instructions, blood tubes and Federal Express packaging for shipping it to us. There is no charge to you for shipping the blood sample. There may be a small charge for having a blood sample collected at your physician's office.

We would like to emphasize that this roster is for research purposes only. We will not be providing information to be used in your clinical care.

Participation in this roster is completely voluntary. The information we receive remains confidential. If the family history information or results from laboratory studies are presented, either at a scientific meeting or in a published medical journal, names and other identifiers will not be used.

This study has been approved by the Indiana University-Purdue University Institutional Review Board.

Please feel free to call Cindy Hunter with any questions, 317-274-3060. Thank you for your interest in participating in this study.