

Who is eligible?

*Anyone who has had a transplant
can be involved in these studies!*

What if I have questions about the study?

Contact our research team!
We love answering questions
about our studies!

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Where are these studies taking place?

HOPE SOT and **BioBank** are
based here at
BC Children's Hospital

*Research informs care.
Clinical care informs research.*

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HOPE SOT

Health Outcomes in
Pediatric Solid Organ
Transplant Recipients

BIOBANK

Biobank in Kids after
Solid Organ Transplant



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Why is this research program happening?

We want to make it possible and easier for kids with a transplant to be part of improving care of transplant patients, by being part of research programs.

We also try to avoid asking you many different times to do the same type of studies; such as collecting clinic information or samples.

The **HOPE SOT** study helps us to see how our program compares with other pediatric transplant programs. To see where we can make improvements. We can share what we learn to help other transplant programs provide better care.

If there is left-over blood or urine after your normal testing, it gets thrown in the garbage. Instead, the **Biobank**, will save left-over samples and use them for future research. That might include finding better tests for rejection or for monitoring treatment safety.

What do these studies involve?

The **Biobank** will save any left over samples (blood or urine), when you have your regular clinic testing. These samples are saved in a freezer in the BCCH Biobank. Once a year, if you agree, we will also save an extra teaspoon (5 ml) of blood.

HOPE SOT is about collecting clinical information. The research team will get this information from your medical record.

What do I have to do?

Great question!

These studies do not require anything extra on your part: no extra visits, no extra questionnaires, no extra pokes.

These studies are interested in collecting information and samples when you have **already** given them as part of your clinic or hospital visit.

These studies are...

Voluntary: It is up to you if you want to be of this study.

Private: Only people directly involved in the study will know that you are a part of it.

Free: There are no costs to you for participating in this study.

Convenient: We need your permission to collect your information and to keep extra samples in the lab. There are consent forms for each of the studies for you to sign, if you are willing. Besides having your permission, there is nothing else you need to do.

Helpful: These studies will allow us to learn new information about how to better care for kids with a transplant. They will also help us to discover better tests to monitor kids living with a transplant.