



BIG News

A newsletter for participants in Le Bonheur's Biorepository and Integrative Genomics Initiative

Thank you for your participation in the BIG Initiative! When you or your child were enrolled into this project, you shared your email address, and we promised to keep you informed of our progress. We are excited to share several updates with you about the initiative.



As you know, BIG is a collaboration between Le Bonheur Children's Hospital

affect what diseases we get and how well we respond to treatment.



Current enrollment

Since the creation of the BIG Initiative in November 2015, we have enrolled over 18,000 participants. We thank each of you for your valuable donation to this project.

Each month the BIG Initiative has enrolled approximately 500 participants whose families are willing to donate DNA samples. Originally the initiative enrolled participants on the inpatient hospital floors only. Four years later, we are also enrolling in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Emergency Room, Outpatient Lab and, most recently, Outpatient Clinics.



Current studies partnering with BIG

Our goal is to build a bank of participant samples that will become a valuable resource to doctors and researchers as they work to improve healthcare. We actively seek opportunities for optimally utilizing samples in research and providing support to doctors and scientists as they begin their studies. Our leaders have been working with several partners to generate genetic data from the DNA samples in our archive. We are excited about several studies that will

child's donations could be doing to help children in the future.



We appreciate your input

If you have any comments or questions for the Initiative, please email BIG@lebonheur.org, and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

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