

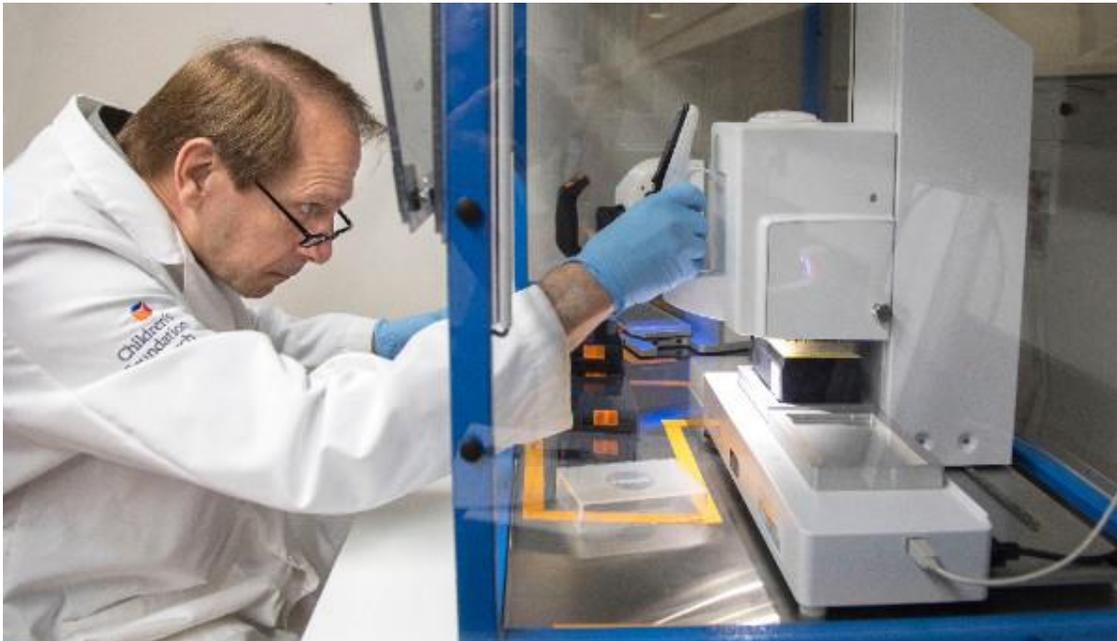


BIG News

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

Welcome

We are excited to share several updates with you about the Biorepository and Integrative Genomics (BIG) Initiative. As you already know, BIG is a collaboration between [Le Bonheur Children's Hospital](#) and the [University of Tennessee Health Science Center](#), and will help doctors study the influence of genes, or blueprints in each of the body's cells, on what diseases we get and how well we respond to treatment.



Last year, the Initiative grew from enrolling only on the inpatient nursing floors, to enrolling in the Outpatient Center. This year, the Initiative has continued to expand and is now enrolling in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

We are excited to announce that we will continue to grow! Plans are now underway to begin enrolling in the Emergency Department sometime this year. With all of this expansion, our team has also grown. We now have four full-time staff on our enrollment team: Paige Bates, Chele' Greer, Emmet Hogan and Pamela Walton.



Chele' Greer



Emmet Hogan



Paige Bates



Pamela Walton

Current enrollment

Since the creation of the BIG Initiative in November 2015, we have enrolled more than 10,000 participants. We thank each of you for your valuable donation.

Current studies partnering with BIG

In the past few years, we have been working hard to build a bank of participant samples that will become a valuable resource to doctors and researchers. A new committee has just been formed to discuss how the samples can be best utilized in research, and how we can support the doctors and scientists as they begin their studies.

We hope to share information with you about these studies, so you can see what you or your 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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