



BIG News

A Newsletter for Participants in Le Bonheur's Biorepository and Integrative Genomics Initiative

Welcome/Introduction

We are proud to introduce you to the BIG Newsletter, a report for participants of the Biorepository and Integrative Genomics (BIG) Initiative. The BIG Initiative, a collaboration between Le Bonheur Children's Hospital and the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, is a platform for collection of DNA samples used to 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.

You are receiving this newsletter because you or your child enrolled in the Initiative during an inpatient stay at Le Bonheur by watching a video and signing a consent form. We plan to send this newsletter to you twice a year to update you on the Initiative and on the potential research that will be done with the DNA samples donated by you and thousands of other patients and families. Together we can make a brighter future for the kids of tomorrow!

Current enrollment

Since the creation of the BIG Initiative in November 2015, we have enrolled over 3,500 patients! We hope our enrollment continues to increase so that we can create a diverse bank of genetic material that will be prized as a valuable resource for doctors and researchers in our area.

Current studies partnering with BIG

these studies with you so that you and/or your child can see how your donations are making a difference.

Please visit our Website

Our newly updated website provides more information about the BIG Initiative, including resources for both researchers and families. To visit, [click here](#).

We appreciate your input

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



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