

## About the Victorian Cancer Biobank

The Victorian Cancer Biobank is a not-for-profit consortium of tissue banks supported by the Victorian Government through the Victorian Cancer Agency. Consortium Members are:

- Austin Health
- Melbourne Health
- Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre
- Southern Health
- The Cancer Council Victoria (Lead Agency)

The Victorian Cancer Biobank obtains consent to collect blood and tissue samples from healthy donors and patients diagnosed with cancer.

The Biobank provides high quality clinically annotated biospecimens to support academic and commercial sector research that will lead to improvements in cancer diagnosis and treatment.

## Quality

VCB's Quality Management System has been developed to comply with NCI and ISBER best practices for repositories.

Our tissue is selected and histologically examined by pathologists to determine the percentage of tumour and to confirm the banked sample matches the primary diagnostic material.

Qualified Biobank staff are trained to prepare samples using standardised protocols at all sites. Regular auditing and quality checks ensure procedural compliance and guarantee uniform high quality samples.

All our specimens are stored in temperature monitored facilities.

## Applying for biospecimens

A Biospecimen Viewer is available on the VCB website and allows potential applicants to search for available tissue and blood specimens.

<http://www.viccancerbiobank.org.au/biospecimeninventoryviewer>

The Biobank's unique centralised application and dispatch process enables researchers to communicate directly with the Applications Manager. It is recommended that you view the step-by-step instructions and download the information provided on the website before you proceed:

<http://www.viccancerbiobank.org.au/biospecimensandservices/howtoapply>

A cost recovery schedule is also available to assist with estimating costs.

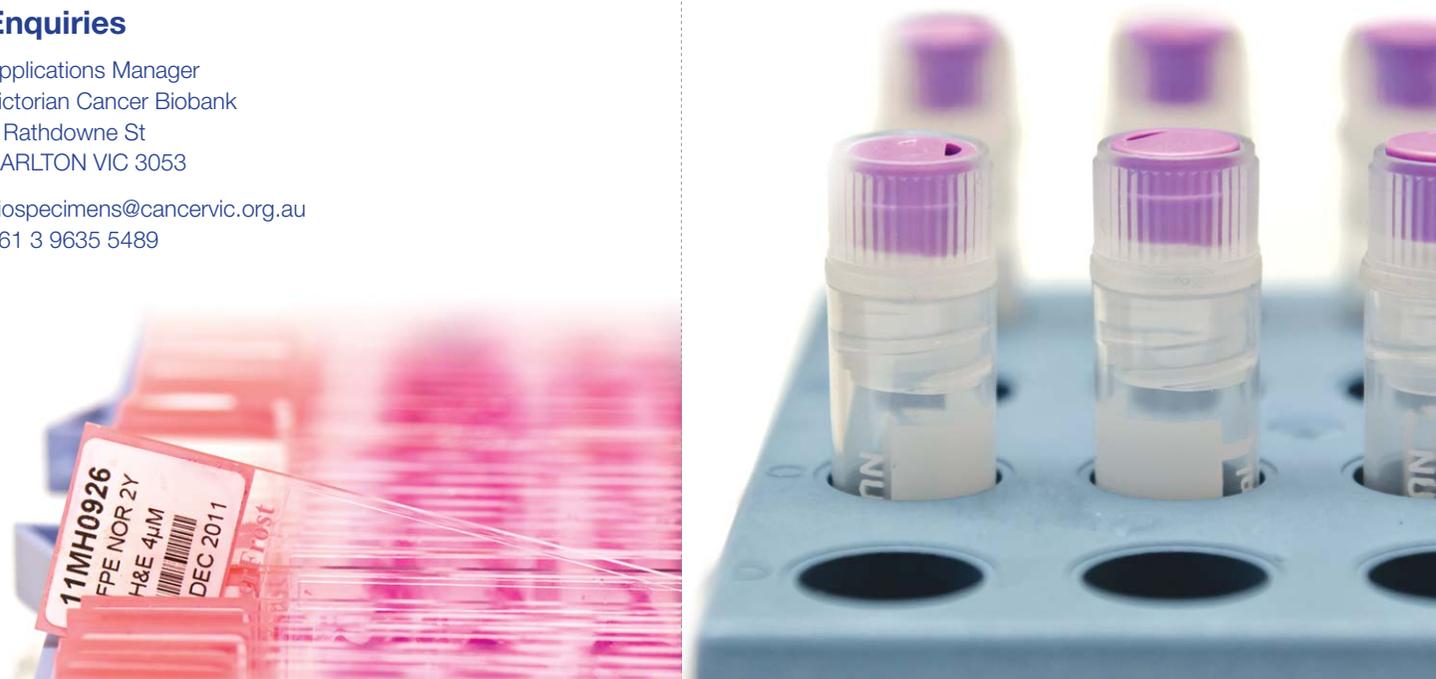
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# Information for clinicians and researchers

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