



Before you sign this form please read, *Your Baby's Blood Spots*. It explains in more detail how your baby's blood spots may be used in health research through the Michigan BioTrust for Health. If you still have questions, please call the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) toll free at 1-866-673-9939.

Yes, my baby's blood spots may be used for health research through the BioTrust.

By checking this box you understand:

- Unused blood spots are stored using a code and not your child's name. The spots are stored forever at a secure site (Biobank) unless you, or your grown child, change your mind.
- Stored blood spots may be used by the state lab to help ensure that newborn screening detects those at risk. Stored blood spots may also be used for research approved by MDHHS. Blood spots can only be used for studies to better understand disease or improve the public's health.
- Many types of laboratory methods are used to study biological factors like DNA or environmental factors like metals and toxins.
- The risk for using your baby's blood spots in research is that it could be identified. This risk is very low. Many steps are taken to protect privacy. Details that could identify your child or family are removed before your child's blood spots are given to a researcher.
- Most likely you or your child will not benefit from blood spot research.
- Participation is voluntary. You can call MDHHS at any time if you change your mind. There is no penalty or loss of benefits for saying no or changing your mind.

No, my baby's blood spots may not be used for health research.

By checking this box you understand:

- Blood spots will be stored forever but not used for research. These stored blood spots may still be used by the state lab to help ensure that newborn screening detects those at risk.
- You must contact MDHHS if you do not want blood spots stored for any reason after newborn screening.



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Parent Signature

Date

Your choice applies to all blood spots collected for newborn screening. Please visit www.michigan.gov/biotrust for further information including research updates. For questions about your research rights or whom to contact in case of a research-related injury, please call the MDHHS IRB at 517-241-1928.

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