



### How can you help with this study?

We would like your consent to add your tissue samples to our biobank!

- All you need to do is fill out the consent form before you get to the hospital.
- We will not bother you during delivery or after you take your baby home.
- There is no cost involved for your participation.
- There is very little risk associated with your participation.
- Taking part in this study is voluntary. You may choose not to participate.

Please visit us on line to learn more information and consent to participate in this study.

[www.vumc.org/pre3-initiative/placenta](http://www.vumc.org/pre3-initiative/placenta)

Our Biobank is overseen by the Institutional Review Board (IRB)#172053



**PathLink** is Vanderbilt's tissue biorepository created by the Vanderbilt Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (VICTR).

### The Vanderbilt Pre<sup>3</sup> Initiative

Preventing adverse  
Pregnancy outcomes &  
Prematurity



The **Pre<sup>3</sup> Initiative** is dedicated to improving the lives and outcomes of moms and babies through research.

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# PROJECT PLACENTA

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## What is the Purpose of Project PLACENTA?

**The Pre<sup>3</sup> Initiative** (*Pre*venting adverse *P*regnancy outcomes & *P*rematurity) Along with the Vanderbilt Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (**VICTR**), have created Project PLACENTA ( **P**athLink **A**Cquired **g**Estatio**N**al **T**issue **b**Ank), a biobank made up of discarded placental tissues with the hopes of improving the health of moms and babies.

### What are you collecting?

We would like to collect samples from left over placental tissues and fluids after your delivery. These tissues are discarded and with your permission will be used to help future mothers and children. There are no extra procedures or costs, we retrieve samples AFTER delivery.

### Will these tissues be linked to my health information?

With your permission, we would like to link these tissues to your medical records and in some cases your child's records. This way researchers can learn about health outcomes of both mom and baby while studying your samples. We will always keep your information confidential, and it will not be made public.

### Why is this important?

This will allow us to understand the causes of diseases of women and families in pregnancy and childhood, with the ultimate goal of improving treatment and preventing prematurity, diseases, and pregnancy related conditions. The findings that our researchers make could be of great use to the many challenges currently facing maternal and child health.

*Project PLACENTA considers YOU an important partner in the battle against diseases of maternal fetal health and we are greatly appreciative of your help.*



### Will someone let me know if something is found in my left over samples?

Tissues are only used for research, so nothing is added to your health record. We hope this research will contribute to learning about pregnancy and mom-baby outcomes and decrease rates of pregnancy related illnesses like gestational diabetes, prematurity, infections, and pre-eclampsia.

### Will I be compensated for participating in Project PLACENTA?

No. Your Participation in Project PLACENTA is voluntary and you will not be compensated for donating left over gestational tissue samples, or any new medicines, or treatments, which come from research on these tissues.

### Who will have access to my tissues and information?

Only Vanderbilt researchers that have applied for use of these tissues will have access. Researchers must sign agreements promising to keep records confidential and be approved by Vanderbilt's Institutional Review Board (IRB). Your privacy is our highest concern.