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Ask Questions Before You Biobank

Health system Kaiser Permanente has created the Kaiser Permanente Research Bank. Last week it began recruiting enrollees 18 and older with a goal of adding 280,000 more participants to the 220,000 participants they enrolled in a previous biobanking initiative.

Researchers will be able to access the participants blood and their past and future electronic medical records. What should you think of this? First, if you're considering volunteering for this or any other biobank, read the participation contract carefully. Who will get what information about you? What are your rights? Will your DNA be sequenced and detailed in a record somewhere? Who owns that data? Can it be sold? Ask questions.


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