Researchers, doctors, patients, and families united in efforts to diagnose and treat pancreatic tumors, improve quality of life, and address racial/ethnic disparities.

Participants will be compensated for their time and information shared.

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DID YOU KNOW?

- Pancreatic cancer is diagnosed in more than 55,000 Americans each year and the number continues to rise.
- The state of Florida ranks second to California in the number of people diagnosed with pancreatic cancer each year.
- Pancreatic cancer affects both men and women across all races and ethnicities. However, it can be more aggressive and lead to a poorer prognosis in some racial and ethnic groups. The reasons for these observations are unclear.

OUR PURPOSE

- The Florida Pancreas Collaborative (FPC) is a partnership between researchers, doctors, patients and families from institutions throughout our state.
- The FPC is dedicated to finding better ways to diagnose and treat pancreatic tumors and improve quality of life for groups most affected by pancreatic tumors in Florida.
- We aim to develop the first statewide ‘biobank’ for pancreatic tumors. A biobank is a valuable resource for collecting and storing data, biological specimens and medical images.
- The biobank will be used to make advances in the diagnosis and treatment of pancreatic tumors and help personalize care.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- Males or females 18 years of age or older.
- Individuals who self-identity as African American/Black, Non-Hispanic White, or Hispanic/Latino.
- Individuals with a new suspected or confirmed diagnosis of a pancreatic tumor who are receiving care at a participating study site.

WHAT IS INVOLVED IF I PARTICIPATE?

- Your participation will not require extra visits to clinic. Any specimens and images you donate will be collected at the time of routinely scheduled procedures involved in your care.
- The surveys can be completed at a location of your choice using a computer, tablet, or mobile device. Paper versions of surveys are also available upon request.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION?

- The information and biospecimens you provide may help to understand the factors that contribute to the unequal pancreatic cancer burden among certain racial and ethnic groups.
- Your participation may also help in the development and discovery of new drugs and treatments for pancreatic cancer.

WHAT ARE THE COSTS OF PARTICIPATION?

- There are no added costs to you or your insurance company for this research. You or your insurance company will be responsible for all the usual exams and medicines used for diagnosis and/or treatment.
- Your participation is entirely voluntary. If you decide not to participate you will not jeopardize present or future medical care or treatment.
- You may stop participation at any time.

WILL I RECEIVE ANY COMPENSATION?

- As a token of appreciation for your time and effort, a gift card will be sent to you upon completion of study tasks.

WILL I KNOW THE RESULTS OF THIS IMPORTANT RESEARCH?

- If we learn important information that may affect your care as a result of this study, we may contact you or a person whom you designate to discuss optional clinical tests or studies.
- We also plan to update you on new developments through a study newsletter.

WHAT ABOUT MY PRIVACY?

- Data collected from this study will only be used for research purposes. Results may be published in a scientific journal, but your identity will not be published.