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ELIGIBILITY & SAMPLE REQUIREMENTS

- What are the eligibility requirements to participate?
- What type of sample is required? (Blood, saliva, FFPE, fresh tissue, snap frozen tissue)
- If fresh tissue is required, how much is needed?
- How much time is needed to coordinate sample collection prior to the procedure?
- Are there any other sample requirements? (e.g. no exposure to chemo)
- Do you have detailed sample specifications and a collection kit that can be provided to our surgeon and/or pathology department?

SAMPLE USE & OWNERSHIP

- Will the sample be used for research? How?
- Who owns the tissue after it has been sent to the institution?
- Will you cryopreserve and bank the tissue for future use, and if so, for how long?
- Is there any cost to cryopreserve the tumor?
- Will I have access to this banked tissue if I would like to send it to other test institutions?

TEST RESULTS & DATA

- Is the lab CLIA/CAP certified?
- How might returned results from this study impact the patient’s care directly?
- What is the lead time for results once tissue is received at the lab?
- Will results be shared with the patient/family? What results/deliverable can I expect?
- Will results be shared with others? If so, with whom and how?
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**FOR FUNCTIONAL DRUG TESTING**

- What/how many drugs are on the drug panel?
- Can drug combinations be tested?
- Can drug selection be customized?

**FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

- What is the patient cost?
- If the mice or organoid models do not grow successfully, will I still be billed?
- Do you offer financial assistance?
- Will insurance be billed?