

Samples taken within Healthcare are saved

In healthcare, you may need to provide a sample when you are examined by healthcare professionals. Most samples taken in healthcare are destroyed shortly after analysis is completed. Some samples may be stored in a biobank, primarily for the purpose of your own healthcare. According to the Biobank Act, stored samples may be used for different purposes.

Stored samples in biobanks may be used for:

- Your own healthcare. If a treatment has not given the desired effect, a saved sample can be compared with a new sample in order to ensure a more reliable diagnosis.
- To provide healthcare for relatives in the case of investigation of hereditary diseases.
- The training of healthcare professionals.
- To develop and quality assure methods, analyses and routines within healthcare.
- Research to improve the prevention and treatment of disease. All research projects must be approved by the Swedish Ethical Review Authority
- To test and evaluate products that may be used in healthcare, such as glucose monitors or microscopes.
- Investigations, if you as a patient have reported that you have been injured due to possible medical malpractice.
- If necessary, to identify a person who is deceased.
- To prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

You can limit how stored samples may be used

You have the right to limit what your saved sample may be used for. You can do this by logging in to 1177.se and submitting a request via "Ändring av samtycke i biobank". You can also go to biobanksverige.se and download the form

"E1. Ändring av samtycke". The completed form should be sent to the region where the sample was taken. Addresses can be found at biobanksverige.se.

Read more about the Biobank Act at biobanksverige.se and 1177.se



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