Female Reproductive System

- Fallopian Tubes
- Ovaries
- Uterus
- Cervix
- Vagina
Help leave your *Mark* on the future of women’s health . . .

Become a part of the Women’s *ProMark* Project

(*Prognostic Mark*ers Tissue Bank)

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Taking Part in *ProMark*

**What is the purpose of this project?**

✓ *ProMark* is creating a storage facility, or tissue bank, for tissue, blood, and other body fluids. Scientists will test the samples to help learn how to better prevent, diagnose, and treat gynecologic conditions.

**Who can participate?**

✓ Almost any woman having medical care at Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC or a UPMC hospital can participate.

**How will the samples be collected?**

✓ Samples will be collected when other routine care is being done so there is nothing extra for you to do. However, we may ask your permission to collect samples at other times as well.

**What is the risk to me if I participate?**

✓ There is a risk of breach of confidentiality, but we will be very careful with your information. For example, all samples will be stored with a unique number so that they cannot be linked to you. Since a blood draw may also be involved, there are the normal risks that can occur: discomfort, bruising, and mild bleeding.

**What is the benefit to me if I participate?**

✓ There will be no direct benefit to you from the use of your samples. However, there are many possible benefits to society from research using your samples, including learning more about what causes diseases, how to prevent them, how to treat them, and how to cure them.

**Will I be paid for participating?**

✓ You will not be paid for taking part in this study.

For more information regarding *ProMark*, please go to our website: [www.upci.upmc.edu/promark/](http://www.upci.upmc.edu/promark/) or email our staff at *ProMark@upmc.edu*. 