

Information about storage of samples at Statens Serum Institut

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Statens Serum Institut (SSI) handles a variety of tasks for the benefit of public health, such as analysing certain samples (e.g. blood samples and saliva samples) for the Danish healthcare system. If surplus sample material remains after analysis, it may be stored in the Danish National Biobank at SSI. You and everyone else from whom SSI stores samples receive this information as we are obligated to do so according to the rules regarding processing of personal data (GDPR).

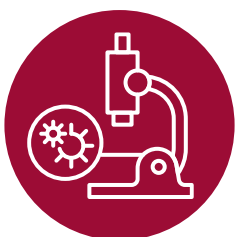


At SSI, we need to process personal data (both samples and information about samples) to fulfil our tasks. We do this for the purposes of diagnosis, prevention, and combating diseases, as well as other tasks for the benefit of public health. SSI's tasks are described in § 222 of The Danish Health Care Act.



We store samples for re-analysis and method development

The reason we store samples is that they can be utilized, if necessary, for analyses related to your future treatments. Additionally, these samples can be used to optimize and develop the analyses we conduct, enabling doctors to diagnose more effectively in the future.



We store samples for research

The samples may be used for specific research projects. Permission from an ethics committee is required before they are released for research.

You don't need to do anything

If you have no objections to SSI's continued storage of samples from you, you don't need to take any action.

Your rights

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) grants you some rights. You have the right to know which samples we store. You can find detailed information on how we process personal data and your rights when we store samples in the Danish National Biobank here:

[Information for citizens \(nationalbiobank.dk\)](https://nationalbiobank.dk).

You can register with The National Database of Non-Consent to the Use of Tissue Samples for Scientific Purposes

If you do not want samples collected from you to be used for research, you can register with The National Database of Non-Consent to the Use of Tissue Samples for Scientific Purposes. Read more on the Danish Health Data Authority's website:

[Use of tissue samples and genetic data \(sundhedsdatastyrelsen.dk\)](https://sundhedsdatastyrelsen.dk).

Possibility of destruction

If you wish to have samples destroyed, you can contact SSI via Digital Post. See how to do so here: [Secure communication with SSI \(ssi.dk\)](https://ssi.dk). Be aware that samples cannot be recreated once destroyed.

Information about new samples

If we do not hear from you, we will continue to store the samples. You will not receive another letter from us if we store new samples from you. However, if you have requested samples to be destroyed, you will be notified when new samples are stored.

Heel prick test from newborns

If you were born in Denmark after 1975 and had a heel blood sample taken at birth, SSI analysed the sample. You can read about how SSI processes personal data in connection with newborn screening here: [Privacy Notice - "Were you born in Denmark after 1975?" \(en.ssi.dk\)](https://en.ssi.dk)



Do you have any questions?

You're welcome to contact our call centre by phone by dialling **3232 1060**. Our phone lines are open Monday to Friday from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM.

You can also contact SSI via Digital Post. See how to do so here: [Secure communication with SSI \(ssi.dk\)](https://ssi.dk), or send an email to the Department for Data Protection and Information Security at ssidatabeskyttelse@ssi.dk.



Right to complain

You have the right to complain to the Danish Data Protection Agency (Datatilsynet) about SSI's processing of personal data about you. Here you can find the contact information for the [Danish Data Protection Agency \(datatilsynet.dk/english\)](https://datatilsynet.dk/english).