

What is OurDNA doing?

The way doctors practice medicine is changing. They can now use information in your DNA to understand, diagnose, and predict health conditions.

However, many Australian communities are currently underrepresented in the resources doctors and researchers use to identify and diagnose different health conditions.

This means that many multicultural communities may not be able to access the same advances in health and medical research that others are already benefiting from.

OurDNA is building genetic resources that include these multicultural communities, enabling future generations to benefit from any advancements in medical research.

Why join OurDNA?

If you belong to one of the communities we're working with and you join OurDNA, you will help researchers to:

- Identify health conditions faster
- Understand and predict illness in your community
- Improve the future of healthcare for people who have the same ancestry as you
- Develop future medicines and treatments for all communities in Australia



AUSTRALIAN GENETIC DIVERSITY DATABASE

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Building a future where all Australians benefit from genetic research



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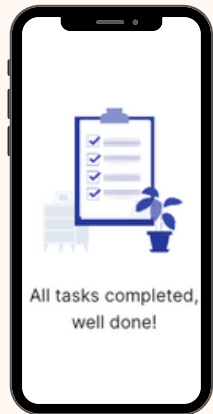


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What's involved?

1. Sign up online and provide consent

- Register at **ourdna.org.au** or visit the Apple or Google Play stores to download the "OurDNA" app
- Read some information about what you will be asked to do if you participate
- Answer some questions about whether you want to take part, and how you will take part



2. Give a small sample of blood (30ml)

Once you've given your consent, you can give blood by either:

- Attending an OurDNA event
- Finding your closest partner pathology clinic

You can find more information about events and your closest clinic on the website. There is no need for you to fast before giving blood.

Who can take part?

To join OurDNA, you must:

- Be over 18 years old
- Be eligible for Medicare
- Self-identify as having ancestry from one of our communities of focus

OurDNA Consent

When you take part in OurDNA, you will be giving permission:

- For OurDNA to use your blood, blood cells and DNA
- For your genetic information to be put into genetic resources and used in publications
- For your blood, genetic information and health information to be given to health and medical researchers approved by OurDNA

Your personal details will not be included.

What if I change my mind afterwards?

You are free to review and change your consent choices at any time. If you would like to leave the OurDNA project please contact us using the details on the back of this pamphlet. You can review your existing consent choices by contacting the study team at any time.

What happens next?

- You will receive a gift voucher to reimburse you for your time and effort.
- If requested, we will keep you up to date on OurDNA's research, outcomes, and the impact of your contribution.
- If you chose to have genetic information returned to you, a health professional will contact you if we find any information that could affect your health.
- If you have any questions, please reach out to us!

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Ethical approval for the OurDNA Program

- This project has been approved by the Royal Children's Hospital's ethics committee (REF: 91986)