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Because traditional funding sources do not support them, tissue banks rely on philanthropic contributions. The Lymphoma Tissue Bank is supported through a generous donation from Kay and Charlie McVean. Additional gifts will:

- Enable tissue samples to be distributed to multiple investigators across M. D. Anderson and collaborating institutions — advancing the work of many talented researchers.
- Leverage findings generated from tissue samples into grants from government funding agencies.

*“Research using primary tumor samples is essential. Alternate tools — tumor cell lines and mouse models — are unavailable for several common lymphomas and nonexistent for rare subtypes, and may not always reflect what’s happening in humans.”*

*Sattva Neelapu, M.D.  
Director, Lymphoma  
Tissue Bank*

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*“At first, being at  
M. D. Anderson was  
overwhelming. But it  
wasn’t long before we felt  
at home.”*

*Bill Crews  
lymphoma survivor*

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*“The tissue bank is crucial to translational  
research in any viable cancer treatment  
program. Without it, modern research  
programs will cease to exist.”*

*Fredrick Hagemester, M.D.*

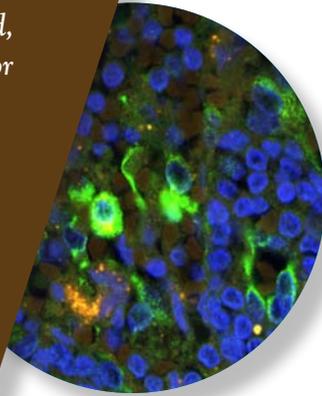


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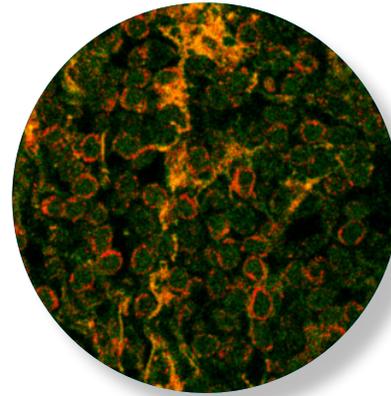
*“The clinical trial was an amazing experience. Didn’t miss a day of work. In six months, I think I took six Tylenols.”*

*Robert Layfield,  
lymphoma survivor*



## The Challenge of Lymphoma

Lymphoma is a diverse group of malignancies — more than 30 subtypes — that begin in the immune system. The fifth most common cancer among males and females, lymphoma strikes nearly 75,000 people in the United States each year and causes more than 20,000 deaths.



## A Place of Hope

Lymphoma specialists in the Department of Lymphoma and Myeloma at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center treat nearly 28,000 patients a year. These experts are credited with developing many new drugs and therapy regimens that have become standards of care.

Now, targeted therapies — which zero in on cancer cells and preserve normal ones — offer new promise for lymphoma patients. The cornerstone of this emerging area of research is an abundant supply of tumor tissue made possible by the newly created **Lymphoma Tissue Bank** at M. D. Anderson.

The tissue bank provides tumor samples that yield rich insights into lymphoma development and suggest which targeted therapies may be most effective for each patient and have the least toxicity.

The Lymphoma Tissue Bank is housed in the Center for Cancer Immunology Research Building, part of the Red and Charline McCombs Institute for the Early Detection and Treatment of Cancer, six unique centers dedicated to Making Cancer History®.

*“My doctor made absolutely sure of the diagnosis before recommending treatment. That’s why you come to M. D. Anderson.”*

*Dawna Harwell,  
lymphoma survivor*



## New Path to Progress

The more we discover about lymphoma, the more we see that each patient’s disease progresses differently. Yet much may be learned from studying a large sample of tumor tissues to find connections — and answers — to the development and treatment of this perplexing disease.

The Lymphoma Tissue Bank holds the key to these answers.

