



## 2010 WNY Race for the Cure On June 12, 2010

We are looking for new people to collect samples from who did not participate at the 2009 Race for the Cure.

One of only a few resources of its kind in the country, the DBBR at Roswell Park Cancer Institute stores health information and specimen data from people with and without cancer. It provides researchers with a rich source of data that may reveal why some people develop cancer and others do not. Comparing people with cancer against people without cancer can help identify specific risk factors or genetic characteristics that could open the doors to better ways of preventing cancer and detecting it earlier, when it can be treated more effectively. The DBBR speeds research by ensuring that many scientists have ready access to the information they need so they can move quickly to answer key research questions.

*“Spit for the Cure”* will involve the collection of saliva samples, from which DNA can be extracted, from hundreds of participants. The only requirement for participation is that you are 18 years of age. Those who consent to participate will also be asked to take a health history questionnaire home and complete and mail it back in a postage paid envelope. The data and samples will become part of Roswell Park Cancer Institute’s DBBR, and used for cancer research. Only researchers who have Roswell Park approved studies are allowed access to DBBR data, which is identified only by a number. Your name or personal identifying information will never be released to a researcher, nor will it ever be shared with employers, insurance companies, families or friends.

Participation is easy, non invasive and has the vast potential to unlock the mysteries of cancer. If you’d like more information about the Spit for the Cure drive, you can contact Gregory Ciupak at 716 845 3373. For information about Roswell Park’s Data Bank and BioRepository visit the DBBR website at:

[http://www.roswellpark.org/Research/Shared\\_Resources/DBBR](http://www.roswellpark.org/Research/Shared_Resources/DBBR)

**Look for us at the Race in the “Spit for the Cure” tent!**