

Information for Participants of the Fernald Medical Monitoring Program

How to Report Changes in a Participant's Health Status

Since the research component of the Fernald Medical Monitoring Program continues, it is important to update the health status of the program participants. To report any new health issues or concerns, contact the Fernald Research Coordinator at 513-558-0487. Please call if there are any questions or a need to update an address.

As we become aware of changes in the health status of the program participants, we may request permission to obtain appropriate medical records (such as biopsy reports, hospital discharge summaries, or reports of CT scans) to verify a diagnosis and the date of diagnosis. All of the data described above will form the basis for subsequent epidemiological studies as envisioned in the Fernald Settlement Agreement.

If more information is needed to verify a new diagnosis, the Fernald Research Coordinator will send a release of medical information to the participant to sign and return in a postage paid envelope. We will contact the facility to obtain the report.

If we receive notification of the death of a program participant, the Fernald Research Coordinator will request a copy of the death certificate from the next of kin. If the program participant had a cancer diagnosis, we will also request a release from the next of kin to obtain the pathology report that diagnosed the cancer.

How to obtain Medical Records/Films from the Fernald Medical Monitoring Program

A participant in the Fernald Medical Monitoring Program may request copies of their FMMP test results or immunization records from their chart or their chest or/mammogram films if they are needed for comparison studies. Information on how to obtain the records is below. If there are any questions contact the Fernald Research Coordinator at 513-558-0487.

Medical Record Requests:

A participant must contact the Fernald Research Coordinator at 513-558-0487 regarding a request for Medical Records. The records must be retrieved from the long term storage location so you would need to allow 7-10 business days to obtain the records. A participant may make arrangements with the coordinator to have their records sent to them or pick up their records from the coordinator. If they receive their own records a release is not necessary other than to sign that they received them.

If a participant request to have their records faxed or sent to a physician, they must sign a release obtained from the physician's office and fax to the Fernald Research Coordinator at 513-558-4240.

Mammogram Film Requests:

Radiologists, who specialize in mammography readings, will usually request the previous two mammograms for comparison. At the end of the examination component of the FMMP in 2008, the mammogram films from 2007 & 2008 exams were made available to participants.

If a participant needs their films sent to a mammography facility, they must sign a release from that facility and fax the request to the Fernald Research Coordinator at 513-558-4240. The mammography facility will have release forms available during the mammogram appointment. The films are located in long term storage, so we need 7-10 days to retrieve the films.

If a participant wishes to pick up their mammogram films before their appointment, they must contact the Fernald Research Coordinator at 513-558-0487 to make arrangements. If they pick up their films, they will not need to sign a release other than to sign that they received the films.

Mammograms files must be returned to the Fernald Medical Monitoring Program. It is the responsibility of the mammography facility that borrowed the files to make sure that they are returned to the FMMP.

Chest x-ray film requests:

If a participant needs their chest films sent to a physician or a facility, they must sign a release from the physician's office or facility and fax the request to the Fernald Research Coordinator at 513-558-4240. The physician's office or facility will have release forms available to sign. The chest films are located in long term storage, so we will need to allow 7-10 to retrieve the films.

If a participant wishes to pick up their chest films, they must contact the Fernald Research Coordinator at 513-558-0487 to make arrangements. If they pick up their films they will not need to sign a release other than to sign that they received them. **Please note: these are original films and must be returned to the FMMP.**

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