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■ What is Biobank Qatar?

Biobank Qatar is the largest medical health study of Qatar ever conducted. It is the most ambitious biobank created for people of the region and serves as Qatar's state-of-the-art, national center for biological information, giving future generations better chances of avoiding illnesses.

■ Who can take part in Biobank Qatar?

Anybody who is an adult (at least 18 years old) and either a Qatari national or a long-term resident (that is somebody who has lived in Qatar for at least 15 years) can take part. There is no upper age limit and your current health status does not affect whether or not you can take part.

■ What exactly am I being invited to take part in?

In the next few months, Biobank Qatar will start the recruitment of large numbers of people and, ahead of this, the scientists involved in the study would like to test the processes and technology developed so far and to get feedback from volunteers on areas that can be improved. This is to ensure that Biobank Qatar can be developed in a way that is meaningful for the local communities.

■ How do I get involved in Biobank?

Taking part is easy. Your visit will take approximately 90 minutes and will involve some simple measurements such as height, weight and blood pressure, completing a questionnaire and providing some feedback on your experience at Biobank Qatar. To find out more please contact us: call 4454-8351 or email: volunteer@biobankqatar.org.

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