

If you wish to donate...

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- Basurto University Hospital
- Cruces University Hospital
- Galdakao–Unsainso University Hospital
- Donostia University Hospital
- Araba University Hospital – Txagorritxu and Santiago sites
- Department of Health and Consumer Affairs
- Basque Geriatric Centres

HEADQUARTERS OF THE BTN:

- Araba University Hospital – Txagorritxu site
- Donostia University Hospital



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Supporting research to improve health care

## What is a neurological tissue bank?

A neurological tissue bank is a place where the tissues required to study diseases that affect the nervous system are stored and is based on a donor program. Tissue banks receive the donated tissue, preserve it under the appropriate conditions for study and then make it available to scientists who are attempting to better understand these neurodegenerative diseases.



## What are neurodegenerative diseases?

Neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease and multiple sclerosis affect thousands of people and their families, causing a deterioration in many bodily functions.

Although most current treatments and diagnostic methods are based on the results obtained from biomedical research, we still need to make further progress in understanding these diseases.

## Who can donate?

Anyone can make a donation to a neurological tissue bank, irrespective of whether they are suffering from a neurodegenerative disease.

## How can I become a donor?

Donations can be made at two different moments:

- Whilst still alive, the patient expresses his/her wish to make a donation after death.
- The family decides to donate after death.