



## About the Lyme Disease Biobank Tissue Program

Lyme Disease Biobank (LDB) Tissue Program aims to accelerate Lyme disease research, and create a greater understanding of the ability of Lyme bacteria to invade tissues and organs. It is the only national entity working to collect surgical and post-mortem tissue samples from individuals with persistent Lyme disease and other tick-borne infections.

People with Lyme disease are invited to register for the LDB Tissue Program by signing up through NDRI (National Disease Research Exchange) and are also encouraged to provide information about symptoms and medical history to our partner MyLymeData. Patients will not incur any specific costs for participating in this program. The LDB Tissue Program offers a critical service to researchers as it is rarely possible to evaluate how tick-borne disease may infect body parts such as a knee joint and even less possible to study vital organs such as a person's heart and/or brain.



NDRI partners with LDB for donor registration, collection and storage of tissue samples. For more info visit: [ndriresource.org/lyme-disease](http://ndriresource.org/lyme-disease).



LDB donors are encouraged to enroll in the MyLymeData Patient Registry at [MyLymeData.org](http://MyLymeData.org) to enable the tissue samples to be linked with clinical information at [MyLymeData.org](http://MyLymeData.org).

## Surgical Tissue Donation

If you are planning to have a surgery that removes tissue from an organ or joint, such as a knee replacement, the discarded tissue can be donated to this research program. Prior to surgery, donors must complete a consent form and eligibility screening.

Donors also have the option to link their tissue sample with their MyLymeData profile.

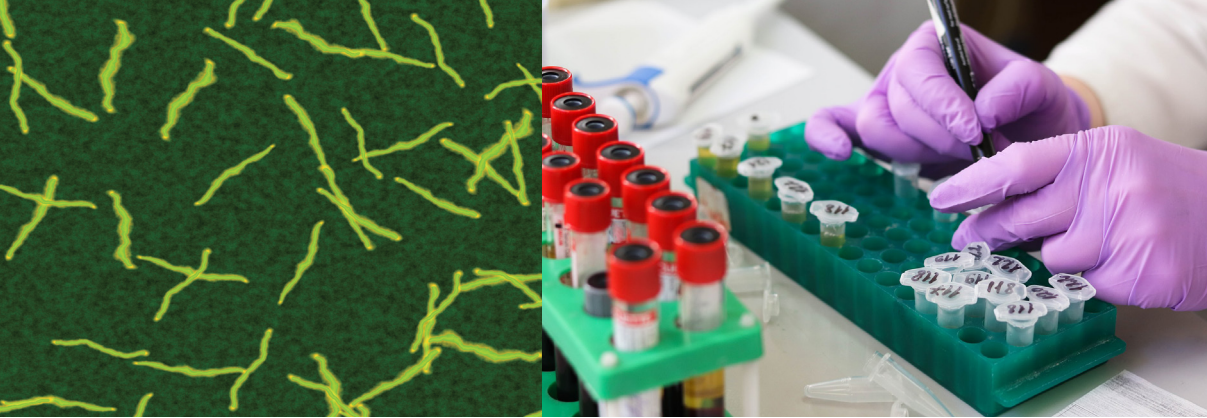
## Legacy Donations

You may be able to help advance research of Lyme disease by making a plan now to donate organs and tissues to the LDB Tissue Program after death from any cause. All patients with Lyme disease are encouraged to register with the program now, and let loved ones know of their decision. Only organs and tissues needed for research will be recovered.

### Eligibility Requirements

- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Reside in the continental US
- Diagnosed with Lyme disease by a healthcare provider
- Provide serology results if available
- Medical history, laboratory results, and other clinical information may be part of the final eligibility determination

> See reverse for more information about our Tissue Program including how to register.



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Bay Area Lyme Foundation is the leading public not-for-profit sponsor of innovative Lyme disease research in the US and a national organization committed to making Lyme disease easy to diagnose and simple to cure.

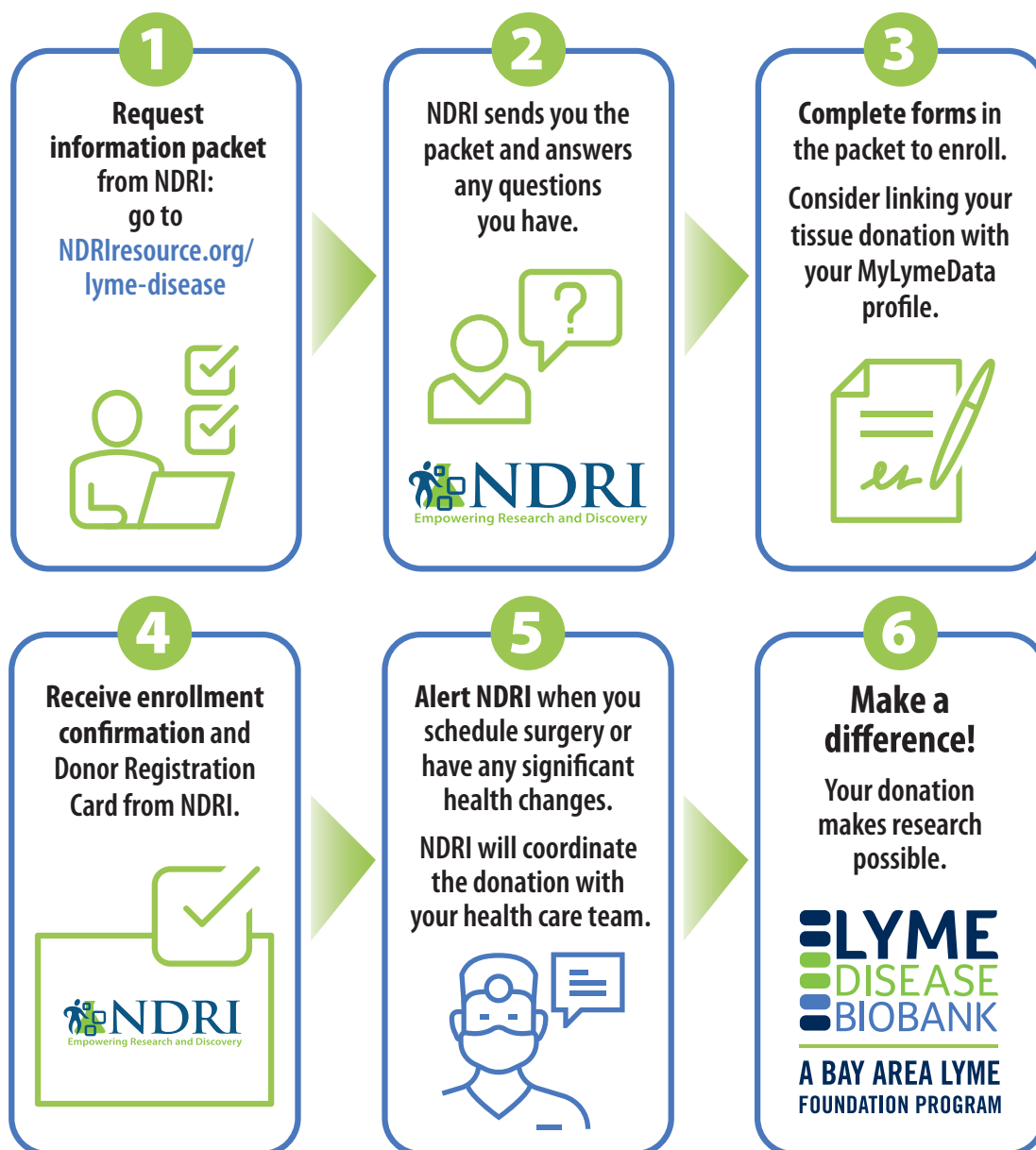
For more information about Bay Area Lyme and Lyme disease, visit [www.bayarealyme.org](http://www.bayarealyme.org) or call 650-530-2439.



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## PROCESS FOR TISSUE DONATIONS

See below for the 6-step process for tissue donations. For more information and to register, please complete the form on the right side of the page at [NDRResource.org/lyme-disease](http://NDRResource.org/lyme-disease) or call 800-222-NDRI (6374), option 5



Scan the QR code below for easy access to more information.

