

## **Komen Tissue Bank Medical Partner Overview**

If you are a breast cancer researcher interested in collaborating with the KTB to host a collection event in your city, the following information may be helpful:

- The KTB plans one out-of-town event per year.
  - This event is planned a year or more in advance, and is a collaborative partnership between the Komen Tissue Bank / Indiana University and the medical partner.
  - We need to collaborate with a medical partner, which is usually an academic medical center, although other options are possible.
  - During the planning period, the KTB will host medical partner staff members at a collection event in Indianapolis to allow all to see and experience a tissue collection. Our events are unique and usually challenging to describe or envision unless witnessed in person.
- We are looking for partners in cities with noticeable ethnic and racial diversity, who are interested in hosting this one-time event.
- A KTB tissue collection event is usually overseen by the Indiana University IRB in partnership with the medical partner's IRB.
- There will be an opportunity for the medical partner to obtain/retain some of the tissue samples collected at the event.
- These events can be a time-intensive process for a short term but feedback from past participants is overwhelmingly positive. Previous medical partners have enjoyed and benefited from the experience; should you wish to speak with prior partners, we are happy to connect you to facilitate a conversation.
- There will also be involvement from community partners, usually including your local Komen affiliate and other organizations that focus on and work with minority communities.

If you have further questions, please feel free to ask us for more information.