

Opportunity to get involved

Have your say in research that is vital to better health care

We are looking for **2-3 new members to join our newly formed Lay Panel** informing the work of the University College London Blood and Transplant Research Unit (UCL BTRU) to develop better treatments for inherited genetic disorders or cancers of blood and lymph nodes.

- Have you or a close relative been diagnosed with **blood cancer**, received a **stem cell transplant** or undergone **immune therapy for a blood disorder**?
- Are you interested in **contributing your views and opinions to health research**?

If yes, and you are interested to find out more, please get in touch:



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More about the UCL Blood and Transplant Research Unit and its Lay Panel:

The role of the UCL Blood and Transplant Research Unit (UCL BTRU) Lay Panel is to bring the patient or carer perspective to UCL BTRU research. The group brings together expertise, insight and experience in the field of cancer, inherited blood disorders and public involvement in research with the aim of making the lived experience of patients and carers an essential part of UCL BTRU work and how it is identified, prioritised, designed, conducted and disseminated.

The UCL BTRU is one of four BTRUs funded by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR). It is an academic partner of NHS Blood and Transplant and supports their need for research to improve the supply of blood, blood products, stem cells, tissues and organs for transplantation. The UCL BTRU works on

- blood stem cell transplantations (the transfer of immature cells that can develop into all types of blood cells, stem cells, which lead to new blood cells in the recipient) and
- immune therapies that replace, repair or strengthen the immune system's response to infection or disease

with the goal to better treat inherited genetic disorders or cancers of blood and lymph nodes.