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To patients and parents of children with cystinosis

A tissue repository for renal tissue from patients with cystinosis is being established, with funding from CRN, at the University of Michigan. The existence of this repository will enable ongoing study of cystinotic tissues, which is currently hindered by lack of available tissue.

If you want to participate, please request that appropriate tissue samples be forwarded by the pathologist who analyzed your or your child's renal tissue, whether obtained at renal biopsy during management of the disease, or at transplantation, and who has custody of the sample, to the repository at the University of Michigan. The samples will be maintained confidentially. The identity of each patient will be unknown to University of Michigan Repository staff, but will be marked with an identifier so that samples can be retrieved if future clinical needs dictate. Acceptable samples include unstained slides, or portions of paraffin blocks, depending on the amount of tissue available. All donations must comply with applicable hospital and State laws and requirements.

If you are interested, please ask your nephrologist or pathologist (if known) to contact Dr Jess Thoene at the University of Michigan, Division of Pediatric Genetics, 734-272-5573 who will cover details of sample coding and clinical summary to preserve confidentiality and ensure appropriate shipping. Please do not contact Dr Thoene directly, as this will violate confidentiality.

Funds are available to cover the costs of shipping of the specimen.