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1. What is an Incidental Finding in research studies?

Incidental finding is a finding that has potential health or reproductive importance to the individual research subject and is discovered in the course of conducting research but is unrelated to the purposes, objectives or variables of the research studies.

3. How will I be informed of the Incidental Finding?

If you had agreed to be informed of Incidental Findings, the study Principal Investigator or an appropriate healthcare provider would contact you to discuss on the findings and provide the necessary advice.

6. If I do not wish to receive any Incidental Finding, will I still be contacted?

We respect your wishes and will not contact you unless in the rare situation where the incidental finding has public health implications, and we are required by law to inform you (e.g. Infectious Disease Act, Public Health Act).

2. Will I be informed about Incidental Findings discovered as a result of my research participation?

Yes, you will be notified if you had indicated your desire to be informed of Incidental Findings, and signed on the research Informed Consent Form (ICF). Only findings that may have important implications to your health would be returned to you.

** If your preference to receive such information is unknown, you will be contacted to ascertain if you wish to be notified should findings that impact your health be discovered.*

4. What should I do if I am informed of an Incidental Finding?

You are advised to seek medical attention and confirm the incidental finding in an accredited clinical laboratory / facility.

5. Will there be costs involved?

The costs for any care that will be needed to diagnose or treat an incidental finding would not be paid for by research studies. You will need to bear these costs.

For more information, contact your research study Principal Investigator.

You may also contact the NHG Domain Specific Review Board at [6471-3266](tel:6471-3266) or email us at OHRPP@nhg.com.sg