

Table 2 Patients' perceptions about the destination and potential use of surplus blood and tissue samples taken in routine clinical care (n = 205)

Item ^a	Blood samples		Tissue samples	
	No.	%	No.	%
<i>What do you think happens to the leftover tissue?</i>				
Thrown away immediately after the procedure	83	40.5	48	23.4
Used to teach medical students about disease	56	27.3	70	34.1
Used to test new drugs	25	12.2	44	21.5
Preserved and kept (archived)	21	10.2	49	23.9
Don't know	35	17.1	31	15.1
<i>If you were to decide on what happens to the leftover tissue, which of the following would you agree to?</i>				
Teaching medical students	141	68.8	129	62.9
Medical research	139	67.8	138	67.3
Diagnosing other diseases	106	51.7	86	42.0
Training doctors	78	38.0	78	38.0
Calibration of medical devices	62	30.2	58	28.3

^aPatients could choose more than 1 response per question.