



Handling Donated Human Tissue

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This policy states the USTUR position on accepting and handling potentially infectious human tissue samples.

Legal requirements shall be observed

The USTUR shall comply with all applicable federal, state, WSU, and other regulations pertaining to the receipt and handling of potentially infectious human tissue.

Tissue material assumed infectious

All tissues, tissue fluids, and related materials shall be assumed to be potentially infectious until unequivocal evidence (e.g. test results) to the contrary are received.

Infected tissues not accepted

Tissue donations from individuals who are known or are reasonably likely to be Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) positive, Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) positive or Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) positive are not accepted by the Registries.

HBV vaccinations required for staff members

No USTUR staff member, whether permanent, temporary, or ad hoc shall handle or work with potentially infectious human tissue unless suitably vaccinated for HBV. If the individual declines to be HBV vaccinated, it must be stated in writing and on file with the administrative office prior to the time at which such tissue is handled. All staff members who handle human tissue samples must have been appropriately trained with regard to practicing universal precautions during the handling of human tissues considered to be potentially infectious for all blood-borne pathogens.