



Acquisition of Tissues

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This policy provides guidance and requirements pertinent to the donation and acceptance of tissues, histopathology slides, embedded tissue specimen blocks, and other tissue materials to the National Human Radiobiology Tissue Repository (NHRTR).

NHRTR is a central repository for tissues from research subjects

The NHRTR is a part of the United States Transuranium and Uranium Registries. It is a centralized repository for tissues, histopathology slides, embedded specimen blocks, and related tissue materials. In some cases excreta from USTUR Registrants, as well as from other selected individuals with documented intakes of the actinide elements and other long-lived radionuclides may also be retained, on file, or in storage.

Requirements for acceptance of tissue materials specified

No specimens shall be accepted by the NHRTR unless the following conditions are met:

- a. The Registries shall be legally and ethically entitled to receipt of the materials; this generally means that suitably signed legal documentation is on file.
- b. The materials shall be free from known contamination, specifically the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), hepatitis B virus (HBV) and hepatitis C virus (HCV) shall present no untoward hazard to personnel.
- c. The materials shall have a reasonable potential for scientific or research value, consistent with the goals of the Registries.
- d. Adequate facilities and funding for storage of the materials shall be available.

Contributions are the responsibility of the NHRTR Curator

The NHRTR Curator shall determine the suitability of volunteered contributions to the NHRTR and may accept same for the Repository. The Curator is responsible for the receipt, storage, safe handling and cataloging of all materials accepted by the NHRTR.