Transfer and Collection of Biospecimens

FIU and Baptist Health have executed a Material Transfer Agreement that governs the transfer of biospecimens to FIU researchers in compliance with applicable ethical and legal requirements. The agreement also covers the prospective collection of biospecimens tailored to the researcher’s specific needs.

Baptist Health South Florida established the Biospecimen Repository Facility as part of the Miami Cancer Institute. The network of hospitals serves one of the most ethnically diverse populations in the continental United States: 67% of the population is of Hispanic ancestry. The Biospecimen Repository Facility Program requires the participant’s consent to collect:

1. Tissues removed at the time of any planned surgery or excisional procedures
   - Formalin fixed and paraffin embedded (FFPE) blocks are prepared and cut at the preferred thickness
   - Frozen tumor and associated normal tissues are kept in liquid nitrogen vapor phase
2. Blood collected at the time of consent and, if applicable, throughout treatment
   - Serum, plasma, platelets-poor plasma and buffy coats are prepared within 2 hours of collections
   - Other biospecimens can be procured using noninvasive procedures such as:
3. Urine, saliva, hair, nail, excreta, external secretions, etc.

The facility received accreditation by the College of American Pathologists, certifying biospecimens are procured and managed through a standardized, reliable and cost-effective approach. The innovative operational model in place uses master workflows that articulate standard operating procedures, a backbone laboratory information management system, and highly specialized technical staff.

After discussing your request with Baptist Health South Florida (BHSF) Biospecimen Repository Facility (BRF) personnel, please send your request via an Office of Research and Economic Development (ORED) Material Transfer Agreement (MTA) Request Form for Baptist Health South Florida (BHSF) Biospecimen Repository Facility (BRF) along with your application to the attention of Kristen Ingram kanriver@fiu.edu with a copy to oredagrements@fiu.edu. The form is available at http://research.fiu.edu/forms/

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