



PROCEDURES FOR APPLYING TO ACCESS BIOSPECIMENS FROM ABN-ONCOLOGY TISSUE BANKS

Applications for the supply of biospecimens from ABN-Oncology should be made on this common form. We aim to streamline the application process for researchers as much as possible. The completed application, a protocol, and a copy of your ethics approval should be forwarded to the Hub Manager, Michelle Fleming.

The Hub Manager will verify that all the required information has been included, and forward the application to the relevant Tissue Bank/s storing the required material.

Each individual Tissue Bank's Management Committee will review the application. The committee will assess whether the application comprises a scientifically justifiable, feasible and high priority use of the material currently available. The applicant may be asked to respond to the reviewer comments in writing.

Upon approval by the Management Committee, the individual Tissue Bank will contact you and arrange for the signing of the relevant Material Transfer Agreement before providing you with the requested material.

All publications and presentations of any results obtained from data or tissue supplied by ABN-Oncology member banks must be acknowledged by the inclusion of the following statement:

'Biospecimens were provided by....(member bank name)..., a member of the ABN-Oncology group, which is supported by the National Health and Medical Research Council'.

A copy or reprint of any published papers or abstracts should also be sent to the Hub Manager.

Please be aware that fees may be charged to offset the substantial cost of collecting, handling, and maintaining the specimens. A quote will be provided to you by the Tissue Bank Manager.

Current ABN-Oncology Tissue Bank's include:

- The Australian Mesothelioma Tissue Bank
- The Children's Hospital at Westmead Tumour Bank
- kConFab (note: there is a separate application for kConFab specimens, please go to www.kconfab.org for more details)
- the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre Tissue Bank
- Queensland Institute of Medical Research Cell Line Bank
- Western Australia Research Tissue Network
- Westmead Gynaecological Oncology Tissue Bank

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APPLICATION TO ACCESS BIOSPECIMENS FROM ABN- ONCOLOGY TISSUE BANKS

Project Title:	
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Principal Investigator:	
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Contact Person for this Application	
Title & Name:	
Institution:	
Mailing Address:	
Email:	
Phone Number:	
Fax Number:	

Project Description

Please attach a Research Synopsis (1-2 pages). This **MUST** include all the sections listed below:

- Objectives
- Background Information
- Selection Criteria
- Data to be collected
- Estimated number of patients
- Criteria for assessing outcomes
- Proposed method of publication or presentation of results and
- Timetable
- Previous publications

Project Funding

Pending Approval of Grant Application (date notification expected: / /)
Grant Application Approved
Institutional Funds Available

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Ethics Information (not required for melanoma cell lines from QIMR)

Has Human Research Ethics Committee approval been obtained for this project?

Yes No Pending (Date Applied: / /)

HREC Institution / Site	HREC Approval No.	Brief Project Title	Start Date	End Date

Please provide a copy of HREC approval letter.

Location of Biospecimens Required

Which tissue bank are biospecimens required from:

- Australian Mesothelioma Tissue Bank (QEII Medical Centre)
- The Children’s Hospital at Westmead Tumour Bank
- Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre
- Queensland Institute of Medical Research Cell Line Bank
- West Australian Research Tissue Network (WARTN)
- Westmead Millennium Institute Gynaecological Oncology Tissue Bank

Note: there is a separate application process for kConFab, please go to www.kconfab.org

Type of Biospecimens Required

Site of Origin (e.g. breast)	Morphology (e.g. adenocarcinoma, normal)	Sample Type (refer below)	Amount of Sample (e.g. mg, ug)	No. of Cases Required

Sample Types Available from ABN-Oncology Tissue Banks:

TISSUE PRODUCTS	BLOOD PRODUCTS	DNA / RNA PRODUCTS
Ascites	Blood Product	Tumour DNA
Bone Marrow	Guthrie Cards	Tumour RNA
Buccal Cells	Non-lymphocytes	Tumour Cell Line DNA
FFPE Tissue	Plasma	Tumour Cell Line RNA
Fresh Frozen Tissue	Serum	Blood DNA
Pleural Effusion	White Blood Cells	Blood RNA
RNAlater Tissue	Whole Blood	Lymphocyte Cell Line DNA
Shavings	Lymphocyte Cell Lines	Lymphocyte Cell Line RNA
Slide – stained		
Slide – unstained		
Tumour Cell Lines		

Please list clinical information required, if any _____

Please list any other specific requirements, if any (e.g. gender, age, grade, stage, treatment) _____

Do you require matched blood? Yes No

Do you require matched normal tissue? Yes No

Do you require primary or metastatic tissue? Primary Metastatic
 Either Matched

Any other comments _____

Checklist

- Application Form completed
- Research Synopsis attached
- HREC Ethics Approval Letter attached

Applicant's Name (print) _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Principal Investigator's Name (print) _____

Signature of Principal Investigator _____ Date _____

The Application Form, Research Synopsis, and Ethics Approval Letter (if available) should be forwarded to the Hub Manager:

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