

AGREEMENT FORM

Investigator utilizing samples from the KU Liver Center Tissue Bank has the unique opportunity to collaborate with physicians. An objective of the Liver Center Tissue Bank is to incorporate a very strong and comprehensive clinical component into research endeavors. Thus, it is important that one develops an understanding of the patients from whom the samples were collected.

We highly encourage proper recognition of consulted physicians as collaborators or co-authors in publications. The KU Liver Center Tissue Bank can provide contact information for each investigator so that physicians can be reached. Of importance for every scientific investigator is the fact the repository presents a vehicle to broaden the relevance of your work into the domain of clinical practice.

Please carefully read the entire document and sign. Keep a copy for your records.

I, _____, agree to the following conditions upon acceptance of my proposed research on samples taken from the KU Liver Center Tissue Bank:

- 1) Human material will be used for stated research purposes only. If research should lead any commercial value, it shall be disclosed to Liver Center Tissue Bank.
- 2) Samples are provided without warranty as to their properties or fitness for any particular purpose and without any other warranty whatsoever, expressed or implied.
- 3) There must be an approval from HSC (or its equivalent) for all work performed on material that I receive from the KU Liver Center Tissue Bank. Ethical guidelines relating to the use of human tissue must be followed during research.
- 4) Under no circumstances shall the samples be used for a project other than the one described in this application nor shall they be sold, given or transferred to a third party without having obtained the express, prior approval from the KU Liver Center Tissue Bank.
- 5) There are potential risks in handling such infectious material and all procedures employed in the handling, storage and use of human tissue should meet standards set by the relevant authority in each research institution or by the Center for Disease Control. The requesting Institution will indemnify and hold harmless the KU Liver Center Tissue Bank against any damages, dispute or injury arising from a failure to maintain such safeguards.

- 6) Research/findings based on use of the banked samples will be reported to the KU Liver Center Tissue Bank (livertissuebank@kumc.edu).
- 7) A liver bank order checklist (Appendix A) will be provided and followed by the researcher in order to maintain a good standing with the KU Liver Center Tissue Bank and be considered for future requests.
- 8) When agreed upon, new material generated from KU Liver Center Tissue Bank specimens (RNA, cDNA, protein, etc) will be returned to the depository. The samples will become part of the Liver Bank and will be available to other requesters.
- 9) Credit and acknowledgment will be unconditionally given to the KU Liver Center Tissue Bank of the Liver Center at KUMC and the physician noted as *medical specimen collector* in the sample information form released with the tissue. I shall insert the following acknowledgment in all publications, abstracts or presentations based on research using the banked tissue:

The specimens used in this study were derived from samples collected by [physician(s) name(s)] and provided by the KU Liver Center Tissue Bank. The project [study] is sponsored by the Liver Center at KUMC.

Signature _____

Order checklist

Investigator:

Title of the project:

Received the following material (____/____/____)

Material returned (If previously agreed upon):

Contacted
(physicians) for clinical collaboration.

Contacted the KU Liver Center Tissue Bank for research status update.

Acknowledged collaborators (KULCTB Agreement form) in the following
publication: