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BIOBANK  
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Consent form Green final version 1.2 dated 3rd March 2009

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**Consent form:**

**Donating blood and tissue samples for medical research**

**If you agree to take part in this research please initial each box and sign this form.**

1.	I have read and understood the patient information sheet (green v1.2 dated 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2009). My questions have been answered satisfactorily. I know how to contact the research team.	initial
2.	I agree to give a sample of blood and/or other tissues for research.	initial
3.	I agree that further blood and/or tissue samples may be taken for research during the course of my hospital care. I understand that I will be asked for permission each time.	initial
4.	I understand how the samples will be taken, that participation is voluntary and that I am free at any time to withdraw my permission for the storage and distribution of my samples providing they have not already been used in research.	initial
5.	I agree that biobank staff can collect and store information from my health care records for research that uses my samples. I understand the biobank will keep my information confidential. Information will only be passed to researchers in an anonymous way that protects my identity.	initial
6.	I understand results from research tests on my samples might be medically important to me. I agree to my hospital consultant and GP being informed and that relevant experimental findings can be discussed with me.	initial
7.	I agree to gift blood samples taken for the purpose of the research study to the University of Oxford. If a commercial product were developed as a result of this study, I will not profit financially from such a product.	initial
8.	I give permission for the biobank to store my samples and distribute them for use in any medical research that has research ethics committee approval. I understand that future laboratory research may use new tests or techniques that are not yet known.	initial
9.	Consent for genetic research: I understand that my samples may be used in genetic research aimed at understanding the genetic influences on diseases and that the results of these investigations are unlikely to have any implications for me personally.	initial
10.	I understand that relevant sections of my medical notes and data collected by ORB, may be looked at by individuals from Oxford University, from regulatory authorities or from the NHS Trust, where it is relevant to my taking part in this research. I give permission for these individuals to have access to my records.	initial

**I agree to give blood and other tissue samples for use in medical research:**

Name of patient \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**You will be given a copy of the information sheet and this signed consent form to keep**

**I have discussed the study with this patient who has agreed to give informed consent:**

Name of person taking consent \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Patient Information Sheet & consent form: original to medical notes, 1 copy to patient and 1 copy to ORB research site file.**



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**Information Sheet  
Donating blood and tissue samples for  
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**Medical enquiries:**

Research Nurse Team, University Department of Medical Oncology  
Oxford Cancer Centre, Churchill Hospital, Oxford OX3 7LJ  
Phone: 01865 235469

You can speak to our research nurses or contact your own Consultants secretary for further information about giving tissue samples or the research.

**General biobank enquiries and correspondence:**

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If you change your mind later about taking part please write to withdraw permission. You need not give any reason for your decision.

**1. Invitation**

We are inviting you to take part in a research study. We want to emphasise this is entirely voluntary. Your decision will not affect your care in any way. Before you decide, it is important to understand why the research is being done and what it would involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully. Thank you for reading this.

**2. What is the research project about?**

The Oxford Radcliffe Biobank collects blood and other tissue samples for use in medical research. Our work may help develop new and better ways to manage cancer and other diseases in future. An important part of our work is to look at both normal and abnormal (diseased) tissue samples from patients. We can use samples to study changes in proteins and other molecules in cells. We can test how cells grow in the laboratory. These are the best ways to look at the mechanisms which make cells grow and also what makes them sensitive or resistant to treatment. It can also help develop tests for early disease detection.

We also want to study genetic differences between patients' normal and abnormal cells. These genetic tests are different from the genetic screening offered to families at high risk of developing cancer. We want to look at how the body responds to injury or other stress. The results will be pooled to see if any genetic changes predict a particular outcome from the disease or treatment.

**3. Why have I been chosen?**

Your hospital consultant is interested in medical research and has agreed to invite their patients to take part.

**4. What will it involve if I decide to take part?**

We will ask you to donate a sample of blood and/or other tissues for research. These will be taken at the same time as your routine medical diagnostic tests or planned treatment. Donating samples should not involve any extra procedure, inconvenience, distress or pain. During your medical care we may ask permission to take further follow up samples. We may also ask the hospital to provide samples from any surplus tissue left over from any routine surgery, biopsy or diagnostic tests that you may have had or may need in the future. Your samples may be taken and used at once but it is more likely that they will be stored for many years.

It often takes 10 years or more to relate the findings from samples to how diseases behave. Many new techniques are likely to be developed and we would like to apply new methods as they are developed to your samples. We would also like to collaborate with other scientists worldwide. Our research programme has been reviewed and approved by an independent Research Ethics Committee. Your samples will only be used in ethically approved research.

If you decide to take part we will ask you to sign a consent form. If you decide not to take part it will not affect your care in any way. You can change your mind at any time. If you write to withdraw your permission we will destroy any unused samples.

**5. What are the advantages and disadvantages of taking part?**

Your own medical care will not be affected. We do not routinely report individual results. This research involves testing large numbers of samples from many different people to try to identify factors that influence disease. Our findings may require further testing which may take many years. We may test your samples to see if promising new treatments or investigations might be suitable for you. We will give your hospital consultant and GP any results that might be useful to know. They will explain the information to you. Our research is not done for profit but may involve commercial companies. You will not benefit financially if your samples are used to help develop valuable new treatments or tests.

**6. Will my taking part be confidential?**

Yes. Biobank staff will need access to your medical records to take information needed for research. We may ask your medical care team for regular follow-up reports. This information will help us understand the meaning of our laboratory findings. We will hold the link or 'code break' between your medical data and research samples in strictest confidence. We will not give researchers information that could identify you. Individual patients are never identified when research results are published.

**7. How can I obtain more information about this study?**

Please ask any questions before deciding whether to take part. You can speak to the Consultant or specialist nurse responsible for your care. You can also contact us at the addresses on the cover.

**Thank you for considering participation in this study.**