



Tissue Solutions

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Dear Scientist,

RE: Tissue Solutions Ethical Statement

Tissue Solutions will only provide access to tissues that have been obtained according to the legal and ethical requirements of the country of collection, i.e. with the approval of an ethics committee (or similar) and with anonymous written consent from the donor or nearest relative. We only work with sources that are compliant with the highest international ethical guidelines and provide documented evidence of this.

We work with a large network of sources: hospitals, commercial tissue banks, charity based bio banks and organ retrieval centers located world-wide. Before we work with a new source, we obtain a copy of their ethics approval or state license to collect samples and their donor information sheets and consent. All the approval documents regarding acquisition and donor consent are available to our clients for review. This gives our clients the flexibility to select sources from our network according to their own internal ethical guidelines. In terms of the consent, we are not allowed to send any version of the actual consent form signed by the donor. This is not allowed under the ethics approval. We can only provide the template consent, which is available for any of our sources.

Tissue Solutions would like to stress that one of its key principles is that all tissue samples should be treated with respect and dignity. All donors who have graciously provided the material for research are key to progressing medical research to improve the treatments and prevention of human diseases. At all times, the right to high quality medical care is the priority, and access to donated tissues is secondary to their medical treatment.

Kind Regards

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