

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

RE: ADHB-Maori Research Review Committee (MRRC) requirements for research in which samples will be sent overseas

The Maori Research Review Committee (MRRC) provides a consultation process to review Treaty of Waitangi and Tikanga aspects of all research to be carried out within Auckland District Health Board institutions.

The ADHB Tikanga Best Practice recommends that research involving Maori must ensure that the tangata māuiui and/or whanau/family have the correct information to make an informed choice. This is especially critical when a research study involves collection, storage, disposal and/or destruction of samples/specimens.

Therefore, if samples of tissues, such as blood, are to be sent overseas, the MRRC requests that a letter from the receiving laboratory confirming sample safety in transit, procedure of specimen handling and shipping overseas, the length of storage, the storage criteria, access procedures and the process by which destruction (preferably by incineration) of those samples occurs is provided. The MRRC also requests that Participant Information sheets include this information.



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