

Ethical Principles Relating to Consent for Use of Samples and Related Data in Research

Programme

22 September 2010
Manchester, (venue tbc)

Aim:

The workshop aims to provide information that will clarify the ethical principles relating to when consent is or is not required for use of anonymised biological samples in research.

Objectives:

- To understand the implications of the Human Tissue Act 2004 and associated regulations and codes of practice relating to the storage and use of human tissue for research purposes, in particular the requirements for ethical approval and consent.
- To understand the regulations and legal requirements for the use of personal data related to tissue samples.
- To explore ethical issues associated with storage of human tissue and data for use in research, in particular the principles relating to whether and when consent is or is not required for use of anonymised samples in research.

09.30	Registration. Coffee.
10.00	Welcome and introduction
10.10	<i>Presentation:</i> The legal framework for use of human tissue in research (Dr Christopher Birkett) Q&A
10.45	<i>Presentation:</i> Legal requirements for processing of personal data in research (Karen Thomson/ Natasha Dunkley) Q&A
11.20	Coffee
11.40	<i>Presentation:</i> Ethical perspectives on the use of tissue samples for research (Professor Nalin Thakker) Q&A
12.20	Lunch
13.15	<i>Groupwork:</i> Small group discussion of example human tissue research scenarios (led by Professor Thakker)
14.30	Tea
14.45	<i>Groupwork continued</i>
15.45	Final reflections (David Neal)
16.00	Close

Who should attend?

- REC Members and Co-ordinators
- Researchers
- R&D officers/managers

Contributors:

- Dr Brian Clark, CEO, onCore UK
- David Neal, Deputy Director (Policy), NRES
- Dr Christopher Birkett, Head of Regulation, Human Tissue Authority
- Karen Thomson, Information Governance Lead, NIGB & ISB
- Professor Nalin Thakker, National Ethics Adviser, NRES

Each Delegate will receive a certificate of attendance. CPD points will be sought for this meeting.