



# Ethics and Governance in Cancer Biobanking

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# Ethics and Governance

- Why?

Because: **Biobanking and research is flawed without it!**



“I’ve done a search for studies using ethically acquired samples and it turns out we haven’t done any ....”

# This workshop ...

- Overarching principles
- Regulation and approvals
  - Ethics and NHS approvals
  - Information governance
  - Human tissue regulation
- Consent
- Access to samples
- Linkage to clinical data
- Accountability to and benefit sharing with stakeholders and participants

# Why are we doing this?

- To allow **patients** to participate in research.
- To enable the highest quality and most relevant laboratory research.
- To help speed the benefits of research back to **patients**.
- Without patients and their willingness to donate samples and participate in research, the fight against disease would be far behind where it is today.
- It is imperative that we do a good job on their behalf and ethics and governance need to be at the heart of everything we do.

# House keeping

- Fire alarms and escapes
- Toilet facilities
- Delegate packs
- Exhibition stands
- Attendance certificates
- Feedback forms
- General assistance
- Mobile phones should now be OFF