

THE MARITIME BRAIN TISSUE BANK

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Precautionary Statement

I, _____ (name) of _____ (institution) have just received on _____ (date) specimens from the Maritime Brain Tissue Bank (MBTB).

Handling human tissue carries the potential risk of exposure to infectious diseases. All specimens should be treated as a potential contamination risk for certain diseases and should be handled with extreme care. Agents that have been identified as possible risks include, but may not be limited to, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV-1, HIV-2), Hepatitis-B and C, and Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. It is recommended that UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS be followed when working with postmortem human brain tissues irrespective of the method of tissue preparation. Investigators are encouraged to incorporate double gloving, appropriate protective garments, and face or eye protection in their lab practices. Disposable instruments and/or an effective regimen of appropriate decontamination should be used routinely. All waste material should be considered as a biohazard and disposed of according to your institution's policy for handling such material. All laboratory staff that will be working with these specimens should be trained in approved methods of handling of such specimens. The MBTB collects tissue specimens representative of a wide variety of diagnoses from donors throughout the Maritime provinces, Canada and does not knowingly distribute unknown infectious specimens. The MBTB, however, does not guarantee that any of the donors of specimens were not exposed to or infected by potentially transmissible infectious agents. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the recipient investigator to insure that all their laboratory staff practice safe techniques in handling specimens.

Please Read, sign and fax to (902) 494-1212. Please keep a copy for your records.

I have read the above Precautionary Statement, and I understand the potential safety risk in handling human biological specimens and acknowledge these safety precautions and recommendations as essential to my safe handling of these specimens. As the Investigator of Record, I accept full responsibility to insure that proper, safe handling techniques are employed in my laboratory when working with these specimens, and I further accept responsibility to train my staff in approved and customary safety handling techniques before they work with these tissues. I understand the MBTB collects specimens from a variety of donors, and I further understand that the MBTB is unable to guarantee that any of its specimen donors were not exposed or infected with infectious agents.

Investigator of Record Name: _____
Print Name

Investigator of Record Name: _____ Date: _____
Sign Name

Do you have ETHICS approval from your Institution to use human tissue? ___ Yes ___ No

MBTB acknowledgement agreement:

Should any publications result from research performed on specimens obtained from the MBTB, please acknowledge under Acknowledgement or Materials/Methods in the following manner: Tissue obtained from the Maritime Brain Tissue Bank, Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology, Faculty of Medicine, Dalhousie University, Sir Charles Tupper Building, 5850 College Street, Halifax Nova Scotia B3H 1X5. Please remember to send us the reference of the published article.

CONDITION OF SPECIMENS ON ARRIVAL AT YOUR LAB: _____
COMMENTS: _____

Note: In case of spill or puncture, please call your local safety offices for further advice.