IRB and Consent in Human Tissue Research

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Little is known about the roles of informed consent and IRB approval for research uses of both archived and prospectively collected human tissue samples. To shed light on this issue, we have identified a cohort of recently published papers involving human tissues, examined whether authors documented informed consent and IRB approvals, and surveyed investigators to find out whether studies had been approved. The results will be presented and their implications discussed.

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