

BC Cancer Biobank Utilization Review Guidance

Currently Biobanks require evidence of REB approval prior to releasing samples and/or data to researchers; however, the REB does not have the same requirement of the researcher to demonstrate of biobank approval. This highlights a gap in communication between the REB and Biobanks.

This **Biobank Utilization Form** has been developed to improve the communication and provide the REB confirmation of Biobank support of research ethics applications.

1. SCOPE

- 1.1. All applications reviewed by BC Cancer REB indicating support of services from already established Biobank processes.
- 1.2. All applications reviewed by BC Cancer REB indicating sample and/or data acquisition from established biobanks.

2. PROCEDURE

	REBA	RESEARCHERS
2.1	REBA review application and determine if use of Biobank services are proposed.	
2.2	Provide research team with Biobank Utilization Form <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide form as attachment in RISE when issuing “changes required” or “provisos” with standard proviso language. • Form will be available for download on BC Cancer REB website for researcher to complete in advance of application submission. 	Complete Biobank Utilization form and provide to Biobank staff for signature
2.3		Attach completed form to box 9.8.A of RISE application form
2.4	Review the submitted forms for completeness and appropriate sign off.	
2.5	Communicate to appropriate Biobank staff any questions or concerns noted.	
2.6	Issue Certificate of Approval as per standard review process	
2.7		Provide Biobank team with Certificate of REB approval