

FAQ by Researchers

Q. I have previously accessed samples from the CCLG Tissue Bank and now wish to request some further samples. Who can I contact and what information do I need to provide?

A. Provided these samples are required for an ongoing approved biological study there should not be a problem in obtaining more samples. A letter would need to be sent to the chair of the CCLG Biological Studies Steering group explaining why further samples are required. A request can then be made to the Tissue Bank Manager with your sample requirements. However, if you require more of the same samples that are part of a new study, you would need to complete a new biological studies application form which can be found on the CCLG website (<http://www.cclg.org.uk>) and also provisionally see whether the samples you need are available by accessing the anonymised CCLG Tissue Bank search engine (<http://www.tissue-bank.org.uk/>).

Q. I am working on an approved CCLG biological study and wish to undertake a sub-study linked to the original study. What forms do I need to fill in?

A. The sub-study would be classed as a 'new study' and therefore a biological studies application form would need to be completed for this and then reviewed.

Q. I require some patient follow-up information for my study. How can I get this information?

A. A request for basic patient follow-up information can be obtained by contacting the Tissue Bank Manager with the specific information required and a list of the CCLG Tissue Bank numbers of samples used.

Q. I have analysed the samples I requested for a study and now wish to analyse the matched DNA samples. How do I go about obtaining these?

A. The CCLG Tissue Bank does store DNA samples (from whole blood) from patients. If these samples are required as part of the original study then you need to contact the Tissue Bank Manager and place a request for the DNA (extracted from blood) samples by providing the CCLG Tissue Bank numbers. If these matched DNA samples were not requested in the original biological studies application, then the CCLG Biological Studies Steering Group would need to be contacted for approval, to access these samples.

Q. I have not received my samples for my study yet. What do I do?

A. Once a biological study has been approved and samples requested, it may take several days before all the samples can be allocated and despatched to researchers. If you have been waiting several weeks it may be helpful to contact the centres which are despatching the samples to you or contact the Tissue Bank Manager who will find out further information for you.