

FAQ by CCLG Tissue Banking Centres

Q. Who allocates the CCLG case numbers for each patient who donates tissue to the CCLG Tissue Bank?

A. Each centre has a designated person who allocates case numbers. This is usually a research nurse, data manager or clinical trials co-ordinator.

Q. What forms do I fill in when registering tissue and blood (for DNA) for the CCLG Tissue Bank?

A. Fill in Form A for registering tissue (including the storage of bone marrow and blood samples), and Form B for registering blood from which DNA is to be extracted then stored. Personalised tissue registration forms for your centre can be requested from the Tissue Bank Manager.

Q. The patient follow-up forms request information about which clinical trials patients are on. Do you also require information about all trials they are on?

A. Many patients are likely to be on more than one clinical trial. It is always useful to know about all clinical trials patients are on, especially if they are internationally run trials. So it is definitely worth capturing this information.

Q. For patients who are not on any trials what further information do I need to record for them?

A. The patient follow-up forms have a section to fill in about the survival status of patients at 2 time-points; these are at 6 months and 3 years post-diagnosis.

Q. Our pathologist is very keen to send samples to researchers, but sometimes these samples are the only ones that exist with tumour cells in them, and if the blocks are returned following tissue array, there may be very little of the tumour cells left.

A. The researchers should be fully informed before tissue blocks are released to them as these are precious samples. These blocks should be handled with caution and coring should be done without all of the tumour cells being removed