

ADVANCED BIOSCIENCE RESOURCES, INC

OVERVIEW

ADVANCED BIOSCIENCE RESOURCES is a non-profit corporate foundation established in 1989 under California law to provide biomedical researchers with access to human tissues. ABR was formed exclusively for biomedical, scientific, and educational purposes and is devoted to providing services in connection with the procurement of human organs and tissues for medical and scientific research. ABR specializes in the procurement, preservation and distribution of both human fetal tissues and full term umbilical cord blood for research, and provides a highly individualized, reliable and easily accessible service.

TISSUE COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION: The purpose of ABR is to promote cooperative efforts to collect and distribute human tissues and to thereby facilitate research utilizing those tissues. Trained personnel coordinate the retrieval, preservation and delivery of each specimen.

Tissues obtained through ABR are retrieved from routinely performed surgical procedures including first and second trimester induced abortions, and full term deliveries, either natural or caesarian section. Tissues that were once discarded are now available to scientists worldwide through the efforts of ABR. Researchers may specify tissue characteristics, preservation methods, and delivery times.

PRESERVATION METHODS: Each specimen is collected, preserved, and shipped according to the investigator's individual protocol.

QUALITY CONTROL: ABR practices strict quality control procedures and adheres to stringent guidelines for tissue collection and preservation. Consent is obtained in accordance with UAGA and NOTA guidelines. Tissue specimens are identified, dissected, and transferred to the specified medium. A control number is then assigned to each sample to ensure confidentiality of patient identity.

To assure proper processing of the tissue, every researcher selects a collection/preservation protocol tailored specifically to his needs. In the collection and distribution of these tissues, every effort is made to exercise the highest standards of medical and laboratory practice. ABR specializes in direct communication with each investigator from the initial application to specimen delivery.

INVESTIGATOR APPROVAL: ABR will provide tissue to researchers who provide information on current research funding, and a short summary of their research intent. Investigators must agree to accept responsibility for the potential biohazard of the tissue and to appropriately train laboratory personnel in the proper handling of the tissue. In addition, the researcher must agree to use the tissue solely for research purpose and to acknowledge ABR in any publications resulting from the use of ABR provided tissue.

APPLICATION PROCESS: To request human tissue for research, an application must be completed and submitted to ABR. The application will be reviewed for feasibility and priority. A protocol will be developed to meet individual research needs as identified in the application.

SERVICE AND PROCESSING FEES: Participating medical facilities that enable ABR to enact its tissue acquisition and distribution programs may be paid a nominal fee for such services. A minimal processing / preservation / shipment fee is also assessed for services provided to research facilities.

Recent advancements in medical research have been developed through the use of human tissues in scientific study. Diseases such as diabetes, hemophilia, Parkinson's disease, cancer, AIDS, heart and lung disease, as well as genetic and neonatal disorders, are being investigated for the development of cures through the use of human fetal tissues. Any tissue donated may be distributed to medical institutions and private research groups in the United States and internationally to enhance the development of cures and therapies for disease.

**PERMISSION FOR DONATION OF TISSUE
OBTAINED AT THE TIME OF ABORTION**

I have previously decided to have an abortion and have previously consented to having such abortion.

I hereby donate the aborted material and/or a sample of my blood as an anatomical gift for the purposes of education, research, or for the advancement of medical science. I understand that my donation may be used by research facilities in the United States and abroad.

I also agree that a sample of my blood may be taken after the abortion and that it may be used for research and routine testing for AIDS, hepatitis, or other infectious agents. I understand that, if there is testing, the results will be confidential unless the law requires that they be disclosed.

I understand that the aborted material may be used to derive human pluripotent stem cells for medical research and possibly human transplantation research, and that these cells may be kept for many years. I also understand that my donation may be used for cosmetic purposes. I understand that there is no information associated with aborted material that could link me with my donation. I agree that this donation is made without any restriction or direction regarding the potential recipients of the cells derived from the aborted material and that I have not been informed of the identity of any potential recipients.

I understand that there will be no payment to me and I agree that, although the results of the research on the aborted material may have commercial value, I will have no property or other commercial or financial rights in the aborted material or any product, process, or service which may result from this donation.

I understand that my donation will not result in any direct medical benefit to me.

I understand that my donation is voluntary, and I may refuse to donate aborted material and this will not affect my medical care or my relationship with my physician.

I understand that, if I have any questions about my donation, I can contact ABR at 510-865-5872.

Signature

Date

I choose not to participate.

Signature

Date

Witness

Date