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## National Alzheimer's Coordinating Center

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### SAFETY SURVEY (ADC NEUROPATHOLOGY CORE) - SUMMARY OF RESULTS -

**1A. Are the specimens in your NP Core routinely screened for any infectious or transmissible diseases?**

|     | Count (N=28) | Percent (%) |
|-----|--------------|-------------|
| Yes | 9            | 32.1        |
| No  | 19           | 67.9        |

**1B. If "yes", please indicate which diseases are screened (check all that apply).**

|               | Count (N=9) | Percent (%) |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Hepatitis B   | 7           | 77.8        |
| Hepatitis C   | 7           | 77.8        |
| HIV           | 6           | 66.7        |
| Prion disease | 5           | 55.6        |
| Other         | 3           | 33.3        |

*(please specify other):*

- "We discussed possibility of doing this with our clinical labs. They stated that there are many false positives/false negative results using these tests on autopsy tissue."
- "The history is evaluated carefully on each patient (most are followed by our Center) and special precautions in removing and handling the brain in those with suspected prion disease or Hepatitis B/C."
- "IB 1-4 on antemortem blood, CSF. The brain itself is not routinely screened; only CJD/prion brains are subjected to Western blot analysis. Clinical charts are screened for the above (HEP, HIV, etc) and if any indication, no tissue is distributed."
- "Prion disease only when clinically indicated."
- "Syphilis, TB, and Hepatitis A."

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**2A. When tissue is shipped or released to investigators for research, is a disclaimer included describing the risks associated with handling of human tissue?**

|     | Count (N=27) | Percent (%) |
|-----|--------------|-------------|
| Yes | 20           | 74.1        |
| No  | 7            | 25.9        |

Frequency Missing = 1

**2B. If "yes", do you require that the investigator sign the disclaimer and return it to you?**

|     | Count (N=20) | Percent (%) |
|-----|--------------|-------------|
| Yes | 11           | 55.0        |
| No  | 9            | 45.0        |