


Biospecimen Task Force

For the ADCs



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NIH and HHS

- NIH and HHS policies under development to address biospecimen guidelines
 - Guidelines will pertain to all biospecimens, whether brain banks, or other repositories collecting blood, CSF, or cell lines
 - NCI guidelines will likely be influential to the work of the NIH and HHS
 - NCI guidelines provide a good starting point for the ADCs
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Task Force Goal

- Long-term goal – evolve a document that captures “best practices” for the ADCs
 - To provide interim guidance for the Alzheimer’s Disease Centers until HHS or the NIH issues agency-wide regulations
 - Our interim document can be modified at that time
 - Create guidelines that are generic enough to allow each Center to operationalize per Center-specific special needs
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Components of Our Work

- ❑ Specimen collection, processing, storage
 - ❑ Specimen distribution, sharing, discarding
 - ❑ I.P. - Material transfer agreements
 - ❑ Relationships with “for profit entities”
 - ❑ Cost recovery practices
 - ❑ Informed consent, privacy, confidentiality
 - ❑ Informatics support
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Methods for Task Force Work

- Extensive readings from existing guidelines / documents / sources
 - Conference calls (monthly) to present, discuss, and formulate recommendations
 - In-person meeting (October 6, 2006)
 - Presentations at ADC Director's meetings
 - Recommendations to conclude 2007
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Presentations

- ADC Neuropath Core Leaders mtg. – Sept 11, 2006; San Francisco
 - Fall ADC Director's mtg. – Oct 7, 2006; Chicago
 - Spring ADC Director's mtg. – Apr 2007; Boston
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