ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM
Material Transfer Agreement

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What is a Material Transfer Agreement?

• Defines the right of the **provider** and **recipient** with respect to the **materials**
• Governs the transfer of materials between organizations
• Legally binding
Elements of an MTA

• Provider/Recipient
• Materials
• Human Subjects Protection
• Research Agreement/Terms of Use
• Scope of Work/Research
Provider - Recipient

- Provider: principal investigator, organization gathering or originating material
- Recipient: university, laboratory, any organization receiving materials *not* collected by them
Materials

- Can be, but not limited to:
  - Tissue
  - Blood
  - DNA
  - Data
- Generally coded
- Outlines identification risk for the participant
Human subject protection

• Introduces Appendix I & II
  • Ensures Internal Review Board approval
  • Tribal Review
• Protects the privacy of research participants and communities
• Ensures compliance with proper handling of materials and regulations regarding the research project
Research agreement

- Outlines roles and expectations of provider and recipient
- Establishes that the **provider** is the **owner** of materials and has final say
- Includes a plan for remaining/leftover materials
- Provider has control of any resulting data and data dissemination
- Outlines necessity of review process through IRB and tribal review for manuscript publication, oral or poster presentation
Appendix I & ii

Appendix I
• Includes IRB approval letter(s) and Tribal approval letters

Appendix II
• Outlines the scope of research/work - what are the deliverables of the research study
• Defines what will be done with the materials, why and specific testing outlines
• Defines scope of disease related testing
• Protects against delving into testing outside of the scope
Conclusion

The MTA provides multiple layers of protection for the study participants, the materials/data and the ownership of materials/data by the providing scientist/organization.
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