

SENECA NATION REGULATION OF BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES

Any researcher who seeks to collect, acquire, store (or bank), or analyze any biological samples must agree and abide by the following conditions with regard to research with biological materials.

The Seneca Nation may, at any time, decide to withdraw from the research project or any portion thereof, and request the return of all biological samples. The researcher, and any other parties, must comply.

Upon completion of the research project, or termination or cancellation of the project at any time prior to completion, the biological samples must be completely and fully returned to the possession of the Seneca Nation, or disposed of as directed by the Seneca Nation.

No biological samples from this study may be released to, or used by, any other researcher(s), research institution, or any other entity, whether public or private, without the prior and fully-informed written approval of the Seneca Nation.

If the Seneca Nation permits any biological samples to be stored in any other locations, the researcher shall maintain at all times a complete list thereof. The list shall include a description of the sample or data, source, specific use or purpose of each item, responsible person(s) at the location, and where the item is housed (e.g., in a "gene bank" or on a specific computer), and any relevant time lines with regard to use of, disposition, return, or destruction of the samples or data.

The researcher shall provide an updated copy of the list to the Seneca Nation whenever changes are made. The updated list shall include identification of changes made since the last copy of the list was provided to the Seneca Nation.

Any situation where biological samples will leave the possession or control of the researcher will require a separate agreement between the Seneca Nation and the external party in accordance with this Regulation.

The Seneca Nation prohibits identification of any enrolled member participating in a Seneca Nation approved investigation through any manipulation of genomic data or genome tracing.

No entity may seek to patent or commercialize any biological materials obtained from the Seneca Nation, from the Seneca Nation's jurisdiction, or under the authority of the Seneca Nation. This includes genetic samples, any copies of the original genetic samples, any cell lines containing copies of the original genetic samples, and data derived from these samples.

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