

This template document helps the user to create a protocol describing their study as well as the mechanisms for utilizing service from a biobank

Template Protocol for Research that will utilize services from a Biobank

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Dear Researcher:

Before you create an ethics protocol for your study that will be utilizing the services of a biobank, please read the following information about biobanks.

Biobanks are a form of research infrastructure that facilitates the collection and storage of biospecimens for research. Biobanks frequently provide services to researchers. These services may include:

- enrollment or consenting research participants
- handling and processing biospecimens
- storing biospecimens
- collecting data
- any combination of the above

Researchers approach biobanks for services because they are unable to carry them out themselves, for example they may not have a staff member who has the time or training to consent research participants.

The Ethics Research Board you are applying to will be aware of what a biobank is. **All you need to do in your ethics application is describe the services you will be contracting out to a biobank and those that you will be carrying out yourself.**

TITLE PAGE

< Insert study title >

Protocol

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1. SHORT SUMMARY

<Insert 2-3 sentence summary of study>

2. PURPOSE

<Insert paragraph describing the purpose of the study >

3. PREVIOUS DATA

<Describe any relevant, previous data>

4. GOAL & HYPOTHESIS

<Outline goals and hypotheses>

5. RESEARCH DESIGN

a. Cohorts

<Describe the cohorts that you plan to study. Where will participants be recruited and by who? If you are contracting out the service of recruitment of participants to a biobank then describe this and the reason why.>

b. Study plan

<Insert study plan>

c. Methods

<Describe all methods and who will be carrying them out. If one of the methods is being carried out by a biobank as a service then describe this and the reason why they have been chosen to carry out the task.>

6. ANALYSIS

< Describe how analysis will be conducted>

7. SIGNIFICANCE

<Describe the significance of study and predicted outcomes>

8. REFERENCES

<Insert references>