

Policy for Registration of Human Sample Collection or Use for Research

All experiments, research, and other activities involving human derived samples (including purchased human cell lines) performed at Rutgers University shall be conducted in accordance with applicable sections of the CDC's "Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories" (BMBL) and OSHA's Bloodborne Pathogen Standard (29 CFR 1910.1030). The BMBL calls for the researcher to conduct a thorough risk assessment in coordination with the University Biosafety Committee to assure compliance with established guidelines and regulations.

At Rutgers, the risk assessment process is initiated by researchers who complete the Registration Document for Biohazards. The registration document should be submitted to the Biosafety Officer (at REHS) in advance of the project start date. When the Biosafety Officer receives the application, it may be provisionally approved pending the final approval of the Biosafety Committee. Once provisional approval has been granted, research may begin on the project.

The Biosafety Officer is available to discuss issues pertaining to the completion and applicability of the registration document.