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#### **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

This document provides general instructions and guidance for completing the GTEx Informed Consent Verification Forms for Biospecimen Source Sites (BSS's) for the GTEx project. The Informed Consent Verification Form is completed for donors that have consented to the project **AND** for donors that have not consented to the project.

Please use the following table to aid in completion of the Informed Consent Document (ICD) Verification.

**TABLE 1. General Instruction Table for Completion of ICD Verification Form** 

| FIELD   | GUIDANCE  | CONSISTENCY CHECK  |
|---|---|--|
| Protocol Site and                                 | Please verify the correct site and protocol is  | Check candidate ICD for site name                                  |
| Number  | selected.   | and protocol number.   |
| Candidate ID                                      | This number will automatically be generated and the field will be pre-populated on the form to randomly identify next person that has been approached for donation. | Form will be pre-populated with a BSS candidate number.            |
| Person obtaining consent or approaching candidate | Provide first initial and last name of person that is requesting donation from the candidate or the person who is approaching the candidate for donation.           | Field must be completed with both first initial and last name.     |
| Relationship of consent signer to donor           | This is the person actually providing signature on the form.  | Please verify that the signer is the one checked in the answer box |
| Was consent obtained?                             | If consent was obtained, check Yes. If consent was not obtained, check NO.  | Verify that the signer provided their signature on the ICD.        |



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| FIELD                   | GUIDANCE   | CONSISTENCY CHECK                    |
|-------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Date of consent or      | Date of consent should be used unless consent is   | Check the ICD or authorization       |
| date approached         | not received, then the date of approach.           | forms for date recorded if           |
| (mm/dd/yyyy)            |  | candidate was consented. Verify      |
|                         |  | the Date entered.                    |
| Institutional version   | Informed consent or authorization form version     | Check on the bottom or top of the    |
| number of ICD           | number assigned to the form that is being used.    | page for an identifier or version    |
|                         | This can be a version number, a date, a revision   | number. If not found use date of     |
|                         | date or any other number or unique identifier      | form (not date created unless this   |
|                         | used to control the version of the form.           | is unique to this form) with any     |
|                         |  | other unique identifier to correctly |
|                         |  | document the form version.           |
| IRB approval date       | This is the date of approval for the current       | Ensure date of IRB approval          |
| (mm/dd/yyyy)            | protocol/project and version for the informed      | matches what is on the form. If      |
|                         | consent document or authorization form being       | there is no date, type in the        |
|                         | used. The date represents the date from which      | Institutional Version number of      |
|                         | that form can be used to seek donor consent or     | the ICD as above.                    |
|                         | for authorization from next of kin.                |                                      |
| IRB expiration date     | This is the date of expiration for the current     | Ensure date of IRB expiration        |
| (mm/dd/yyyy)            | version for the informed consent document or       | matches what is on the form. If      |
|                         | authorization form being used. The date            | there is no date, type in the        |
|                         | represents the last date that the form can be      | Institutional Version number of      |
|                         | used to seek donor consent or for authorization    | the ICD as above.                    |
|                         | from next of kin.                                  |                                      |
| Is there a willingness  | For individuals that have been approached by the   | If individual was approached this    |
| to be contacted at a    | requestor for participation in the GTEx study,     | should be a yes or no answer.        |
| later date for the ELSI | determine if there is a willingness to be          |                                      |
| sub-study?              | contacted at a future time to be given more        |                                      |
|                         | information about another study (ELSI sub-study).  |                                      |
|                         | This question applies to participants that have    |                                      |
|                         | said yes to consenting/authorization and also      |                                      |
|                         | individuals that have declined participation.      |                                      |
| Tissue Specific check   | Check Yes or No in every box to indicate specific  | Each box must be checked either      |
| boxes                   | tissue types for donation.                         | Yes or No.                           |
| Specify                 | In the last box, insert any and all limitations or | Insert any limitations/additions to  |
| limitations/additions,  | additions for donation of specimens or tissue      | the list of tissues/fluids that were |
| if any                  | types.   | checked yes or no for collections.   |
|                         |  | If no limitations/additions are      |
|                         |  | requested, leave box empty.          |



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#### Create Consent Verification For Candidate NDRI

| 1. Protocol Site Number                    | 2. Candidate <sup>TD</sup>                          | 3. Person obtaining consent / approaching candidate |
|--|---|---|
| 4. Relationship of consent signer to donor | 5. Was consent obtained? C Yes C No                 | 6. Date of consent or Date of approach (mm/dd/yyyy) |
| 7. Institutional version number of ICD     | 8. IRB approval date (mm/dd/yyyy)                   |   |
| 9. IRB expiration date (mm/dd/yyyy)        | 10. Is there a willingness to be contact C Yes C No | ed at a later date for the ELSI sub-study?          |
| 11. Comments to Consent Section            |   |   |
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| To Be Completed for Consented Participants  |       |  |  |
|---|-------|--|--|
| 12. Adipose                                 | Yes 💌 |  |  |
| 13. Bladder                                 | Yes 🔻 |  |  |
| 14. Blood, urine, saliva                    | Yes 🔻 |  |  |
| 15. Blood vessel                            | Yes 💌 |  |  |
| 16. Brain                                   | Yes 💌 |  |  |
| 17. Mammary tissue (breast)                 | Yes 💌 |  |  |
| 18. Endocrine                               | Yes 💌 |  |  |
| 19. Esophagus                               | Yes 🔻 |  |  |
| 20. Heart tissue                            | Yes 🔻 |  |  |
| 21. Kidney                                  | Yes 🔻 |  |  |
| 22. Large intestine                         | Yes 🔻 |  |  |
| 23. Liver                                   | Yes 🔻 |  |  |
| 24. Lung                                    | Yes 🔻 |  |  |
| 25. Lymph node                              | Yes 🔻 |  |  |
| 26. Muscle                                  | Yes 🔻 |  |  |
| 27. Neurological tissue                     | Yes 🔻 |  |  |
| 28. Pancreas                                | Yes 🔻 |  |  |
| 29. Reproductive                            | Yes 💌 |  |  |
| 30. Small intestine                         | Yes 💌 |  |  |
| 31. Skin                                    | Yes 🔻 |  |  |
| 32. Spleen                                  | Yes 🔻 |  |  |
| 33. Stomach                                 | Yes 🔻 |  |  |
| 34. Minor Salivary                          | No 💌  |  |  |
| 35. Specify limitations / additions, if any |       |  |  |
|   | *     |  |  |
|   | -     |  |  |