NCI Biospecimen Best Practices Forum Breakout Sessions

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Demonstration of caBIGTM Biospecimen Resource Management Tools

- caTissue Core released June 2007, addressed usability issues; is in use at ~20 institutions
- caTissue Suite will be released within two to three months, and allows addition of fields, integrate caTissue Core with caTIES, consent tracking, saved query functionality for non-expert users, ordering, shipping, receiving
- caTissue is not meant to replace complex systems, such as FreezerWorks, that are already in use, but to interoperate with hem; it was designed to allow better biospecimen tracking than simple database programs such as Excel.
- caBIG is an open community seeking participation from all stakeholders and input on new features (e.g. adding the dimension of tissue blocks)