National Institutes of Health Office of Biotechnology Activities

NIH Guidance on Informed Consent For Gene Transfer Research

Informed Consent Resource Available

The NIH Office of Biotechnology Activities (OBA) is pleased to offer on its Web site a resource on informed consent in gene transfer research.

What is it?

OBA developed this Web-based resource with guidance from the Informed Consent Working Group of the NIH Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee and the participation of the Office for Human Research Protections and the Food and Drug Administration. The resource informs users on the various informed consent issues addressed in Appendices M-III and IV of the *NIH Guidelines for Research Involving Recombinant DNA Molecules.* Each section extracts pertinent language from the *NIH Guidelines*, explains the principles underpinning that language, highlights key "take-home" points, and provides links to relevant resources and sample consent language.

Who is it for?

This resource was developed to educate investigators about the many facets of the informed consent process and help optimize communication about risks and benefits. It also will be of interest to IRBs, IBCs, potential research participants, and others interested in human gene transfer research.

Where can I find it?

To view the resource, just connect to:

http://www4.od.nih.gov/oba/rac/ic/

For more information...

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