

Human Tissue Act Training Event



**Organised by the Infectious Disease Research Network
Friday 9 March 2007**

Venue: Institute of Physics, 76 Portland Place, London, W1B 1NT

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Everything you wanted to know about the Human Tissue Act but were afraid to ask!

- **Are you using human tissue or samples containing human cells in your research?**
- **Do you have a license to store and use human tissue and organs?**
- **Do you know what your license does and does not cover?**
- **Are you familiar with the legislation covered by the Human Tissue Act?**
- **Are you sure that you have appropriate consent for your tissue samples, and that you are not contravening common law in your research?**

The Human Tissue Act regulates removal, storage and use of human tissue – defined as material that has come from a human body and consists of, or includes, human cells. Recent legislation came into force 1 September 2006.

If you wish to keep yourself updated, and ensure that you stay within the law, then this training event can provide information on the Act, and answer any questions you may have. This event is aimed at a wide variety of infectious disease research specialties, as well as other areas of medicine and research that are affected by the Human Tissue Act.

The day will consist of presentations from experts in this field, plus interactive sessions in the afternoon, where you will also have the opportunity to raise any specific queries that you have (these can be emailed to the IDRN in advance of the event). The Chair of the event is Professor Adrian Newland, President of the Royal College of Pathologists and there will be representatives from the Human Tissue Authority present.

You can register for the event online now. The cost per delegate is £30; see the registration page for details of how to pay. This cost is heavily subsidised by the IDRN.

For more information, a programme and online registration, please visit the IDRN website at <http://www.idrn.org/researchworkshops.php>

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- Chair:** *Professor Adrian Newland, President of the Royal College of Pathologists*
- 10:15** Welcome and introduction from Chairman
- 10:20** A risk based approach to regulation. *Dr Sandy Mather, Human Tissue Authority*
- 11:00** The impact of tissue banking upon research. *Professor Peter Furness, Vice President of the Royal College of Pathologists*
- 11:40** Coffee
- 12:00** Ethical issues relating to the use of human tissue in research. *Dr Angus Dawson, University of Keele*
- 12:40** Lunch
- 1:30** The impact of the human tissue act upon patient organisations
Mr Alastair Kent, Director of the Genetic Interest Group
- 2:20** Question and Answer Clinic. Parallel Sessions
- Use of routinely submitted samples for research
 - Use of samples collected specifically for research
- (exact format and subject of these interactive sessions to be confirmed)*
- 3:40** Feedback from parallel sessions
- 4:00** Close of event. Post-event drinks