NWBioSpecimen works closely with NW BioTrust and study teams to ensure that patient consent or other appropriate authorizations are in place for biospecimen procurement and annotation with medical record-derived information and other data.

Procurement services include collection of prospectively obtained specimens processed as detailed for each study protocol, as well as remnant portions of routinely processed clinical specimens. NWBioSpecimen staff work with each researcher to tailor procurement to fit the needs of each study.

Annotation data includes clinical history information, diagnostic information, and additional detailed analyses such as digital pathology measurements. This information is de-identified unless the research team has specific Institutional Review Board approval to obtain identifying information.

Well-annotated biospecimens are crucial in clinical trials and translational research focused on the causes, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of diseases. Our services are available to researchers within our collaborating institutions as well as outside organizations.

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