

## **INFORMATION AND CONSENTING PROCESS**

It is expedient for investigators to provide the following information in the information and consenting forms.

### Cultural support

If you require Māori cultural support talk to your whānau in the first instance. Alternatively you may contact the administrator for He Kamaka Waiora (Māori Health Team) by telephoning 09 486 8324 ext 2324

### Questions and complaints

If you have any questions or complaints about the study you may contact the Auckland and Waitematā District Health Boards Maori Research Committee or Maori Research Advisor by telephoning 09 4868920 ext 3204

### Compensation

It is preferable that research participants are reimbursed for expenses such as travel and parking. In addition, the Māori Research Committee requests that researchers provide participants with a koha, such as a letter of thanks or a certificate that acknowledges their participation in the study and provision of summary findings of the research. Researchers should provide a copy of that letter or certificate to the Māori Research Committee

### Tissue samples

International ethics requires any human tissue going overseas to be going to a country that has similar understandings about human tissue storage and disposal.

If bloods or other specimens of human tissue are going to be sent to a central laboratory overseas, the Auckland and Waitematā District Health Board requires a letter from the overseas destination that confirms that specimens received and data related to the tissues sample shall be used for the current study and other identified studies only. The letter shall clearly state what procedures are in place to ensure safety of samples when they are being transported, method of sample destruction after used (e.g. incineration), duration of storage, handling method of unused samples. The same information should also be on the participant information sheet for participants to read prior to signing consent to participate.

If investigators expect to use the samples for other research investigators must make this clear in the information sheet and seek informed consent.

### Consenting process

Researchers are encouraged to include this statement in the Consent Form:

I have been given sufficient time to discuss with family/whānau or a friend when a decision is required.