



Undertaking: Use of Stored Human Samples for Research

I, the undersigned, _____, as the Custodian of human biological samples collected for diagnosis/regulatory screening/validation or scientific research within the Department of _____, hereby provide the following undertakings to the Institutional Ethics Committee:

1. **Ethical Compliance:** I affirm that all use of stored samples and any data generated from these samples will adhere strictly to ethical standards as prescribed by institutional guidelines and applicable laws.
2. **Anonymity and Confidentiality:**
 - I assure that the identity of all patients from whom samples have been collected will be irreversibly anonymized when shared with a third party (for approved research purposes), and no identifiable patient information will be disclosed.
3. **Consent and Authorization:**
 - I ensure that all necessary permissions and approvals are in place for the storage and use of these samples.
4. **Data Security and Access Control:**
 - I commit to implementing and maintaining security measures to protect the stored samples and any associated data.
 - I will ensure that access to these samples and data is regulated and provided only to authorized personnel for legitimate research purposes.
5. **Compliance with Regulations:**
 - I pledge to keep abreast of and comply with all current and future regulations and guidelines concerning the ethical use of human biological samples.
 - I agree to promptly update the Institutional Ethics Committee about any changes in the regulatory landscape that might affect the use of these samples.
6. **Reporting and Accountability:**
 - I undertake to report any non-compliance or ethical concerns related to the use of these samples to the Institutional Ethics Committee immediately.
 - I accept full responsibility for the management and ethical use of these samples under my custodianship.

Signature: _____

Date: _____