

## Oncology / Cancer-Related Research

The Brigham and Women's Hospital and the Massachusetts General Hospital have agreed to rely on the Institutional Review Board of the Dana Farber Cancer Institute for review of certain research where the primary focus is cancer therapy OR in which the targeted population is only cancer patients OR where the research involves treatment of certain nonmalignant tumors with chemotherapeutic drugs. DFCI has agreed to rely on the Partners Institutional Review Board (Partners Human Research Committee) for review of certain research as well. This table is provided as guidance when questions arise about which IRB will provide review for specific categories of protocols.

<b>RESEARCH INVOLVING...</b>	<b>IRB</b>
Chemotherapeutic drugs to treat malignant tumors <u>OR</u> the following nonmalignant tumors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Meningiomas</li> <li>▪ Schwannomas</li> <li>▪ Neurofibromas</li> <li>▪ Pancreatic cysts</li> <li>▪ Neuroendocrine pancreatic tumors</li> </ul>	DFCI
Radiological diagnostic techniques directed at patients with cancer or follow-up of cancer therapy	DFCI
Cryotherapy or radioablation of malignant tumors	DFCI
Novel surgical approaches to cancer therapy	DFCI
Pain management/alternative medicine approaches to cancer therapy	DFCI
Cancer prevention in populations at high risk of cancer (e.g., pre-cancerous lesions)	DFCI
Treatment of the following nonmalignant tumors, with the exception of treatment involving chemotherapeutic drugs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Meningiomas</li> <li>▪ Schwannomas</li> <li>▪ Neurofibromas</li> <li>▪ Pancreatic cysts</li> <li>▪ Neuroendocrine pancreatic tumors</li> </ul>	PHS
Treatment of osteomas or pituitary adenomas	PHS
Treatment of warts/localized papillomas	PHS
Treatment of nonmalignant hematology	PHS
Populations with <u>and</u> without cancer (mixed populations); for example, studies of pain, infectious diseases, radiology/imaging, surgery, diagnosis	PHS

Nursing practice directed at patients with cancer	PHS
Collection of blood/tissue for genetic testing directed at cancer patients	PHS*
Health/medical records of cancer patients	PHS
Tissue samples derived from cancer patients	PHS*
Questionnaires/surveys directed at patients with cancer	PHS*
Tissue banks/repositories	TBD
Cancer prevention in the general population	PHS
*PHS IRB will report protocols falling within this category that it reviews to the DFCI IRB for purposes of reporting to NCI.	

**IRB Submission Instructions**

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