



Investigators requesting tissue and biofluids are required to accept all specimens procured on their behalf. The fees paid by investigators cover the time and resources involved in identifying donors, obtaining consent, tracking, and collecting biospecimens and biofluids.

CHTN divisions work diligently to identify donors with a high probability of successfully procuring both tissue and biofluids. Biofluids may be collected during a clinic visit or in the pre-operative holding area before surgical resection. Once the patient is in surgery, tissue collection will proceed if there is sufficient remnant tissue available.

However, if the amount of tissue is inadequate for research purposes, collection will not be permitted. Additional circumstances that may prevent tissue collection include the presence of metastatic disease, the surgery being terminated, the tumor being necrotic and unsuitable for research, or the patient's death during surgery.

In cases where matching solid tissue cannot be collected, but biofluids have already been collected for a selected request, investigators have the option to either accept the charges and have CHTN discard the biofluids or have the biofluids shipped to them.