

# **Australasian Leukaemia Lymphoma Group (ALLG) National Leukaemia and Lymphoma Tissue Bank (NLLTB)**

Enabling Grants Round 3 – Special Facilities

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## **2. Description of Facility/Activity**

The ALLG Leukaemia and Lymphoma Tissue Bank is a joint initiative of the ALLG and the Leukaemia Foundation. The Leukaemia Foundation of Australia has sourced funding from major sponsor Price Waterhouse Coopers. The Tissue Bank is located at the Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane.

The Tissue Bank collects and stores specimens from patients enrolled on ALLG clinical trials. The aim is to facilitate the conduct of laboratory based research thereby augmenting the benefits of the ALLG's clinical research into the haematologic malignancies. Samples from off-trial patients are also being collected, but these are less formally clinically characterized.

The Tissue Bank will provide samples from patients with these diseases for use in approved research projects thereby facilitating a wide range of research activities. All Australian researchers are eligible to apply for access to the samples. The ultimate goal of facilitating such research is to improve our understanding of the processes leading to the development of haematologic malignancy, factors which govern the variable response to current treatments and

ultimately the development of more effective therapies for patients suffering from haematologic malignancy.

Facilitating basic research from fully characterized clinical samples will nurture closer ties between Australia's internationally renowned basic researchers and ALLG's internationally recognized clinical research in the field of haematology. Together we can anticipate better understanding of the events leading to the development of haematologic malignancy and of factors contributing to patient's outcome, which will ultimately lead to better therapies and outcomes for our patients.

A Policy and Procedures Manual approved by the Tissue Bank Management Committee documents governance of the Bank.

For further information contact Dr Paula Marlton, Tissue Bank Director through the ALLG website.

To apply for access to samples held in the Tissue Bank download from the Website the document "Process for obtaining samples from the Tissue Bank" and follow the instructions provided. All other documents required are also available for download.