Specimen Procurement Kits

NRG Oncology Biospecimen Bank (NRG BB) biospecimen kits are protocol-specific and include supplies to help collect and ship biospecimens for certain protocols. To determine whether a kit is to be provided and for information about obtaining kits, check:

- Pre-activation/Activation Instructions
- Protocol
- Pathology/Correlative Instructions

These documents can be obtained from the CTSU website (https://www.ctsu.org) or the NRG Oncology website (https://www.nrgoncology.org/Clinical-Trials/Protocol-Table).

Note: Some protocols have very similar biospecimen requirements. Check the protocol, instructions, or contact the biospecimen bank listed in the protocol to determine whether you may substitute one kit for another. **In most cases, kits cannot be substituted between protocols.**

How To Order Kits:

- **NRG Gynecologic (GY) Protocols: NRG BB-Columbus:**
  
  Order kits online via the Kit Management link:
  https://ricapps.nationwidechildrens.org/KitManagement/

  Contact NRG BB-Columbus for assistance (866-464-2262 or BPCBank@nationwidechildrens.org).

- **NRG Breast (BR) and GI-Colorectal Protocols: NRG BB-Pittsburgh:**
  
  Refer to the protocol-specific Pathology and Correlative Science Instructions for detailed instructions regarding ordering kits.

  Contact 412-697-6611 or NRGbiobankPGH@NRGOnecology.org for questions regarding kits distributed from NRG BB-Pittsburgh.

  Or Contact tumor-bank@breastcenter.tmc.edu or 713-798-1647 for questions regarding kits distributed from the Serum Bank at Baylor.

- **NRG Brain (BN), GI-Non-Colorectal, Genitourinary (GU), Head & Neck (HN), Lung (LU), and Sarcoma Protocols: NRG BB-San Francisco:**
  
  Order kits by sending an email to the bank at NRGBB@UCSF.edu or by filling out an online kit request form at http://nrgbb.ucsf.edu/.
All kit requests should include the following:

- Contact information and FedEx ship to address with room/suite number.
- Name of study for which the kit is needed, and confirmation of IRB approval for that study.
- Number of kits needed:
  - We usually only ship one kit out until the site has enrolled more than one case.
  - We will not ship out more than 3 kits per request unless sites have made prior arrangements with the bank.
- Date kits are needed:
  - Kits are shipped by FedEx Ground and should arrive within 5-10 business days.
  - If your kit request is urgent please provide your FedEx account or label.

Note: If not used within 6 months, sites should return un-used kits to the bank.