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Subject: Human Tissue Ethics Policy

Articular Engineering will only provide access to human tissues that have been obtained according to the legal and ethical requirements of the country of collection, i.e. with the approval of an ethics committee or IRB, (or state license) and with anonymous informed written consent from the donor or nearest relative. We only work with sources that are compliant with the highest international ethical guidelines. We carefully vet each new source in our network to ensure that all this is in place.

At all times Articular Engineering will comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including, but not limited to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA"), the federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments, and federal fraud and abuse laws. Specimens will be shipped, used, stored, and destroyed in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including but not limited to those laws applicable to disposition of medical waste and export control. Specimens will be used in compliance with applicable guidelines of the National Institutes of Health ("NIH") pertaining to human tissues and recombinant DNA.

Articular Engineering would like to stress that one of its key principles is that all tissue samples should be treated with respect and dignity. All donors who have graciously provided the material for research are key to progressing medical research to improve the treatments and prevention of human diseases. At all times, the right to high quality medical care is the priority, and access to donated tissues is secondary to their medical treatment.