
42 U.S. Code § 289g-1

Research on transplantation of fetal tissue

(a) Establishment of program

(1) In general

The Secretary may conduct or support research on the transplantation of human fetal tissue for therapeutic purposes.

(2) Source of tissue

Human fetal tissue may be used in research carried out under paragraph (1) regardless of whether the tissue is obtained pursuant to a spontaneous or induced abortion or pursuant to a stillbirth.

(b) Informed consent of donor

(1) In general

In research carried out under subsection (a), human fetal tissue may be used only if the woman providing the tissue makes a statement, made in writing and signed by the woman, declaring that—

- (A) the woman donates the fetal tissue for use in research described in subsection (a);
- (B) the donation is made without any restriction regarding the identity of individuals who may be the recipients of transplantations of the tissue; and
- (C) the woman has not been informed of the identity of any such individuals.

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