



**DATE:** May 12, 2016

**TO:** Dr. Goli Samimi  
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**FROM:** NIH Privacy Act Officer

**SUBJECT:** Applicability of the Privacy Act: Survey to Assess the Feasibility of Establishing a  
Gynecological Specimen Bank (NCI)

I have reviewed the NCI submission to OMB referenced above. The NCI Survey will be used to assess the feasibility of developing a tissue bank that would include tube and ovary tissues from women undergoing surgery for benign conditions, risk reduction and early stage cancer. NCI is requesting information via a survey about the volume of samples that are accessioned at different pathology laboratories, and the methods used to process these samples. These data would provide information necessary to assess the feasibility of establishing a tissue bank for research and provide insights into the best design of a pilot study.

Invitations will be sent to Pathology Lab Managers throughout the U.S. Managers will be identified through Pathology lab databases, Society Membership lists and personal recommendations. The survey will be advertised in relevant pathology journals and society meetings. Individuals will receive an invitation by email or postal mail to participate in the survey. They will have the option to complete the hard copy of the survey to be returned in a self-addressed stamped envelope, or a web-based survey via an online link included on the invitation.

I have determined that the Privacy Act will not apply to this information collection because the survey will not collect or store personally identifiable information designed to be retrieved by a unique identifier. If you have questions, please contact me at (301) 402-6201.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Celeste Dade-Vinson".

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NIH Privacy Act Officer

cc: Karla Bailey, NCI PRA Liaison