

## **Ethics Policy for Research Projects Involving the Use of Human Biological Samples**

1. All projects involving biological sampling from human subjects must be approved by the Institutional Review Board (or by the Human Biological Samples Research Review Board, once one exists), before the study can commence.
2. Before any biological sampling is done, the researcher (student, faculty or staff) and the supervising instructor (if appropriate) must carefully consider whether it is appropriate to study markers that are directly related to mental or physical conditions or diseases.
3. The use of Endicott College students as the subjects of student research projects is generally discouraged, and exceptions must be approved in advance by the Vice President and Dean of the College, in consultation with the Institutional Review Board.
4. Endicott College students *cannot* serve as subjects for studies of biological markers that are directly related to mental or physical diseases.
5. Anonymity must be preserved for all sample sources.
6. Any biological samples and associated surveys or other materials must be re-coded in order to prevent subject identities from ever being associated with results. Sample sizes should be at least 20, in order to minimize the possibility of accidental linkages between the sample and the identity of the source person. Samples must be destroyed after use, or after one year, whichever comes first.
7. The use of Endicott College's science, social science, or other facilities must be approved by the appropriate laboratory manager, as well as by the appropriate Chair or the Dean of Arts & Sciences.