



## ISBER Educational Webinar Information

### Managing Contemporary Ethical Issues in Biobanking

**DATE:** October 13, 2015

**TITLE:** Managing Contemporary Ethical Issues in Biobanking

**WEBINAR SUMMARY & OBJECTIVES:**

Whilst Biobanking has been around for many years it has been increasingly identified as a core component that underpins research only in the last 20 years. Whilst most of the activities of biobanks fall within existing ethical frameworks (eg. consent is required for collection and usage), additional ethical considerations have been identified that remain to some extent incompletely resolved. Jurisdictions at the national and international level have taken differing approaches to tackle some of these issues, such as custodianship, duty of care (return of individual results), transborder flow of samples and now increasingly transborder flow of data arising from biospecimens. In this webinar Dr Zeps will summarise some of the issues and present a contemporary evaluation of how individual jurisdictions have attempted to resolve them.

**PRESENTER:**

Dr. Zeps is a PhD scientist involved in translational research in breast, gastrointestinal and gynecological malignancies. He is the Director of Research at SJGHC Subiaco Hospital and head of a translational research program that has established a biobank and clinical registry as a part of routine multidisciplinary cancer care.

He is an Adjunct Professor in the School of Health Sciences at Curtin University, the Centre for Comparative Genomics at Murdoch University and at Notre Dame Medical School. He is an Adjunct Associate Professor in the School of Surgery and the School of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the University of Western Australia.

He was a member of the Australian Health Ethics Committee from 2006-2012 and the Research Committee of the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) of Australia from 2009-2015. He is the chair of the Cancer Biology Group of the Clinical Oncology Society of Australia and a



member of the Scientific advisory committee of the Australasian Gastro-intestinal Trials Group. He is the Australian representative on the Ethics and Policy Committee of the International Cancer Genome Consortium and of the Steering Committee of the Global Summit of National Ethics Committees (WHO/UNESCO). His objective as Director of Research is to integrate clinical research and teaching into routine healthcare delivery to improve the lives of patients and their families.