#### Fresh Tissue Trial Process Map

This general process map will guide research teams through the fresh tissue trial process from the identification of potential participants to the delivery of the tissue itself. Processes may change depending on specific project protocols and desired tissue.

# Identification

- Participant is identified by Surgeon during consultation at his office
- •If participant is approached for study, but declines, Surgeon's team is to inform <a href="Fresh Tissue Navigator">Fresh Tissue Navigator</a> (FTN) so the screening log can be updated.
- •If participant agrees to consent, proceed to next step.

## Consent/ Enrollment

- •Surgeon consents patient.
- •Surgeon provides patient with copy of consent, creates copy for their own record and retains original for pickup by **FTN**.
- •If consented, the participant is considered enrolled as they have been identified by Surgeon as an appropriate candidate

### If consented/ enrolled

- •Surgeon's office alerts **FTN** that patient is interested and informs date/type of surgery. **FTN** obtains original consent, copies, and stores accordingly. **FTN** informs WRH and study team of scheduled surgery date via email (refer to **Communications**).
- Participant de-identified by **FTN** and given study ID (CRFT 01). Master study log stored and updated with relevant information on WRH S: Drive.
- •FTN are to keep ICF copy for relevant WRH teams involved in the scheduled surgery.

# Day before surgery

- •FTN will call surgeon's office day before surgery to confirm the date and time of the surgery.
- •FTN will call the pathology lab at WRHMC the day before to remind them of the delivery of the research specimen.
- •FTN will provide the "Surgeon Alert Flag" to day surgery and a copy of the informed consent. This will alert OR and the surgeon to NOT place tissue in any medium. Print the alert flag on bright green paper to ensure that the surgical team notices and follows the fresh tissue acquisition process.

#### Day of surgery

- •FTN will accompany the surgical specimen from surgical suite to the pathology department.
- •FTN will also bring with pathology a copy of the ICF, the "Fresh Tissue Alert Flyer" and the "Pathology Department Form".
- •The Fresh Tissue Alert flyer is bright green and helps hospital staff identify study staff as fresh tissue transporters. The pathology department form is filled by the pathology staff member who releases the tissue. Carrying a copy of the ICF also helps ensure hospital staff the participant is aware of their participation. The **FTN** then delivers the tissue to the research lab as per Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG) based on the tissue status (exempt/non-exempt).