Science Fair Projects – not allowed

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Each year questions from faculty and staff come up regarding helping their 8th graders submit their projects for the Science Fair. The IRB and the UF\Shands\VA attorneys and Privacy Officers have had to address the unapproved use of tissue or information from these facilities.

Based on many discussions with UF\Shands\VAMC, the Alachua County Schools science teachers and administrators have been told that “No information, data, tissue or body fluid from UF, Shands, or the VAMC can be used in any Science Fair project.”

Please remember that none of these items belong to any parent or friend of any student, and thus they have no authority to use them.