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UNDER THE HUMAN TISSUE ACT SECTION 45 - 2004 A PERSON HAS A LEGAL RIGHT TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO CONSENT TO TISSUE/DNA RESEARCH - IT IS ILLEGAL WITHOUT CONSENT UNDER THE ACT ARTICLE 8. A PERSON IS ENTITLED TO BIO-PRIVACY. YET I HAVE SEVERAL ACQUAINTANCES WHO TELL ME THAT WHILE YET GRASPING FROM HOSPITAL TREATMENT, WERE MOUTH-SWABBED FOR DNA - "FOR RESEARCH". THEY HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF GIVING CONSENT - THE SUPPOSITION IS THAT IT IS LOST AMONG THE REAMS OF TREATMENT - CONSENT, NOR WERE THEY TOLD IT WAS THERE, NOR ASKED FOR CONSENT! THEY WERE SHOWN THE SHEETS OF WHAT WAS AND WITHOUT TIME TO READ IT - "SIGN HERE" I DO NOT CALL THAT CONSENT! SIMILARLY NEW MUMS I SPOKE TO WERE, WHILE EXHAUSTED SHOWN A HUGE INFO - PILE AND CONSENT TO RETAIN HEEL BLOOD/DNA FROM BABY, NODDED FAST - NO TIME TO READ - I DO NOT CALL THAT CONSENT. A SALESMAN WOULD BE IN JAIL IF HE USES A CUSTOMER LIKE THAT! WORSE IF HEEL BLOOD SPOTS & DATA WERE KEEPING PAST 18 YEARS WITHOUT THE NEW ADULTS CONSENT IT WOULD BE ILLEGAL UNLESS NEW CONSENT IS GIVEN, THEN ALL TISSUE AND ALL DATA WHOEVER SENT MUST BE DESTROYED (NOT THAT PASTHETIC "PUT BEYOND USE - WURBISH")

NHS PATIENT/DNA FOR RESEARCH MUST ONLY BE BY THE PATIENT FULLY INFORMED AND UNDERSTOOD SIGNED CONSENT, - PREFERABLY ON A SEPARATE FORM. THERE IS A LEGAL RIGHT TO DECLINE CONSENT ANYTHING WHICH REDUCES THIS RIGHT IS ABUSE! PEOPLE ARE ANNOYED AS THIS "ULTIMATE IDENTITY - IDENTITY" PTO 6 OR ANYWAY TJ COUSINE

ALL OF THE INFORMATION AND CONSENT TO DNA RESEARCH  
COULD BE GIVEN IN MOST CASES - IN ADVANCE IN  
THE CASE OF EXPECTANT MUMS - MANY MONTHS  
— WHY DON'T THEY?