Can I Share Specimens or Data from My IRB-Approved Protocol for Primary Research*?

Review the current protocol and consent form to determine if the planned research and sharing are addressed in both documents

If yes...
- Specimens and data can be shared

If no...
- Amend the protocol, and if necessary, the consent form, to address the planned research collaboration; consult the IRB with any questions

*Primary research: research use of biospecimens or data for the original purpose(s) for which the biospecimens or data were initially collected through interaction or intervention with living individuals
Can I Share Specimens or Data from My IRB-Approved Protocol for Secondary Research*?

Review the consent form associated with the protocol to determine which scenario below is true. There is....

1. Consent language which addresses sharing for future research and
   1) it is either consistent with the planned research or
   2) allows for broad future use

2. No consent language about sharing for future research, i.e. it is silent, or the original consent form is missing (e.g. for a closed protocol)

3. Consent language which addresses sharing for a specific type of future research; however, the planned research is not consistent with what is stated

4. Consent language which explicitly states that specimens or data will not be shared

Consult the IRB for a decision

Specimens and data can be shared

Specimens and data cannot be shared

If after sharing the specimens and data, you will receive research results that you can link back to human subjects, this is considered human subjects research. You must amend the protocol to address the planned research and seek IRB approval.

*Secondary research: research use of biospecimens or data for other than the original purpose(s) for which the biospecimens or data were initially collected through interaction or intervention with living individuals.