

## CanPath PUBLICATIONS POLICY

Given the publicly funded nature of CanPath and the voluntary investment from participants, Approved Users for access to CanPath Research Data and/or Biosamples are encouraged to publish manuscripts in journals and/or online repositories which allow for open access, so as to benefit both the scientific community and the general population. Indeed, this *CanPath Publications Policy* aims to encourage scientific publication of all types, while sustaining the highest quality.

CanPath aims to recognize the work of early investigators in the collection of the available data and biosamples. Thus, Approved Users must offer co-authorship, if appropriate, to one or more members of each of the Cohorts whose data and/or biosamples are used, on all publications arising from that Cohort's data and/or biosamples. The number of co-authors will be determined by the Cohort Scientific Director based on the level of involvement of the cohort members. Finally, all co-authors on publications arising from CanPath Research Data and/or Biosamples must satisfy the criteria established by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (<http://www.icmje.org/>): “1) substantial contributions to the conception or design of the work; or the acquisition, analysis, or interpretation of data for the work; 2) drafting the work or revising it critically for important intellectual content; 3) final approval of the version to be published; and 4) agreement to be accountable for all aspects of the work in ensuring that questions related to the accuracy or integrity of any part of the work are appropriately investigated and resolved.”

All publications and abstracts, including electronic submissions that use CanPath Research Data and/or Biosamples should be submitted to the Access Office at least 2 weeks prior to submission for publication to the journal or to a conference. All presentations should be submitted to the Access Office one week prior to the presentation. The Access Officer's review will be limited to: ensuring that CanPath, its participating cohorts without a representative co-author, and any active contributors are properly acknowledged; that no individuals or communities are identified; and, that the analyses included are within the scope of the Approved Research Project as set out in the *CanPath Data and Biosamples Access Agreement* and the *CanPath Data and Biosamples Access Application Form*.

Authors must acknowledge the contribution of CanPath, the participating cohorts and active contributors in publications or presentations where applicable. All publications and presentations must contain the following sentence:

*“The data and/or biosamples used in this research were made available by CanPath - Canadian Partnership for Tomorrow's Health (formerly CPTP) and [insert name of Cohorts].”*

Other acknowledgements may be required dependent on the datasets used (see Appendix A). The Access Officer must be informed of any substantive changes made to the submitted manuscript. Upon publication, a copy must be sent to the Access Office.