

## **GUIDELINES FOR BIOSAMPLE ACCESS**

All biosamples within the CPTP Biorepository represent a finite resource. It is the goal of CPTP to use these samples to the best of their potential and CPTP has developed guidelines and review processes to help achieve this goal and support CPTP's mission, vision and values. Guidelines for the release of biosamples include:

- To ensure parsimonious use of the samples, only the minimum volume required for an assay will be released. CPTP reserves the right to suggest alternative assays if it uses a smaller sample volume.
- Multiplex assays approaches that minimize volume requirements are preferred.
- Analytes that have not been measured previously in the same sample set.
- Proposed analyte analysis presents a high probability of providing accurate results.
- Proposed methodology presents a high probability of providing accurate results.
- Pilot studies may be required for in-house assays where approved samples are released in a staggered format. Subsequent sample release is dependent upon successful analysis of the released samples including demonstration of assay reproducibility.
- Additional review may be required for all large sample requests (>500  $\mu$ L for non DNA samples or >2  $\mu$ g DNA), when samples are at risk of shortage, or access to legacy samples is required.
- Should multiple request be reviewed at the same time with overlapping samples then CPTP may suggest combining the analysis into a multiplex assay pending feasibility.