



## **nPOD Publication and Presentations Policies**

### 1.0 Purpose

The Network for Pancreatic Donors with Diabetes (nPOD), sponsored by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), is a program designed to recover pancreata and related tissue from organ donors from recently deceased type 1 patients as well as at-risk autoantibody positive subjects. nPOD then distributes these tissues to approved scientific investigators who seek to identify the mechanisms leading to autoimmunity and beta cell destruction, as well as avenues that may lead to a cure for type 1 diabetes. nPOD is likely to yield information of considerable interest for publication and dissemination in the scientific and medical community.

A Publications and Presentations Committee (PPC) has been established to oversee and monitor the dissemination of nPOD data to outside audiences.

### 2.0 Goals

The PPC is designed to operate with the following goals and objectives:

Assure and expedite the orderly and timely release of information generated by nPOD to various audiences, including:

- scientific and medical journals, conferences and meetings
- news media and other public information sources (through the JDRF media liaison and notification to nPOD)
- national, state and local government organizations and regulatory groups that are not part of the nPOD network

Assure that all Organ Procurement Organization partners have the opportunity to be recognized in the presentation of nPOD data.

Assure that studies and projects utilizing nPOD resources appropriately acknowledge and cite the nPOD project as the source of information, including images used from the nPOD online pathology site.

Insure that standard nomenclature is employed for referencing nPOD samples.

Provide support to investigators to ensure that nPOD and nPOD partner organizations are acknowledged in a consistent manner and that nPOD samples are referenced with

standard nomenclature in presentations and manuscripts.

Maintain a complete up-to-date list of nPOD publications. Maintain an up-to-date list of publications on the nPOD website.

Assure that press releases and interviews about created by the nPOD Administrative Core are accurate and objective.

### 3.0 Roles and Responsibilities

The nPOD PPC acts as the principal group to oversee the public release and publication of data and other information generated by the nPOD project. The PPC sets the nPOD publications policy, encourages timely publication of nPOD related material, and mediates, along with the External Scientific Advisory Board, any disputes arising over the publication or presentation of nPOD data.

The recommendations of the PPC are reported to the Executive Committee. Appointment of PPC members will be made by the Executive Committee and will be limited to members of the nPOD network.

In order to facilitate efficient functioning, PPC membership will be limited to five (5) individuals unless mandated otherwise by the Executive Committee.

### 4.0 Parameters of Authorship

#### 4.1 Basic Principles

In accepting nPOD samples, data, or other material assistance from the nPOD network, investigators agree to abide by the nPOD Publications and Presentations Policies with regard to all manuscripts, abstracts, presentations, and press releases that incorporate any information obtained through the use of these resources and to acknowledge the role of the nPOD in their provision.

#### 4.2 Types of Presentations

These nPOD policies recognize three classes of presentations that report findings generated with the use of nPOD resources:

- Manuscripts submitted for publication in electronic or print journals
- News media and public information releases including web sites or video media. These presentations should be coordinated with the JDRF media liaison Teo Staeva, Ph.D. ([tstaeva@jdrf.org](mailto:tstaeva@jdrf.org)) and nPOD Executive Director Mark Atkinson, Ph.D. ([atkinson@ufl.edu](mailto:atkinson@ufl.edu)).

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- Release of information to federal, state, and local governmental agencies and organizations that fall outside of the nPOD network.

## 5.0 Acknowledgement of nPOD Support and nPOD partner organizations

All presentations that report findings obtained through the use of nPOD resources must acknowledge the nPOD network as the source of those resources and the agencies. In addition, all Organ Procurement Organizations (OPO) must be recognized.

5.1 For manuscripts, the following statement should appear within the acknowledgments section:

“This research was performed with the support of the Network for Pancreatic Organ Donors with Diabetes (nPOD), a collaborative type 1 diabetes research project sponsored by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International (JDRF). Organ Procurement Organizations partnering with nPOD to provide research resources are listed at [www.jdrfnpod.org/our-partners.php](http://www.jdrfnpod.org/our-partners.php).”

## 5.2 Oral presentations and posters

Oral presentations and posters do not have to adhere to this exact language, but must acknowledge the JDRF nPOD network. An nPOD logo has been produced in print and electronic format and this logo should appear in posters, electronic presentations and similar media. Access to the logo may be obtained by visiting the nPOD Web site at [www.jdrfnpod.org/publications.php](http://www.jdrfnpod.org/publications.php). For questions regarding terms of use, please contact the nPOD administrative core at [npod@pathology.ufl.edu](mailto:npod@pathology.ufl.edu).

Investigators should notify the nPOD PPC one week prior to submitting their poster or abstract to meeting organizers so that proper use of logos, nomenclature and acknowledging statements can be ensured.

## 5.3 nPOD online pathology images

Images from the nPOD online pathology website may be used in publications. When these images are used, investigators should use standard nPOD nomenclature when referring to these images and include an acknowledgement of the nPOD project in the manuscript. The terms of use of these images along with relevant acknowledging statements can be found at [www.jdrfnpod.org/publications.php](http://www.jdrfnpod.org/publications.php).

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## 6.0 Authorship Criteria and Contributions

The authorship criteria for the nPOD network are adapted from criteria for authorship currently in use at *JAMA*. In the *JAMA* guidelines, each author should have participated sufficiently in the work to take public responsibility for appropriate portions of the content. One or more lead authors should take responsibility for the integrity of the work as a whole, from inception to published article.

Authorship credit should be based only on (1) substantial contributions to conception and design, or acquisition of data, or analysis and interpretation of data; and (2) drafting the article or revising it critically for important intellectual content; and (3) final approval of the version to be published.

nPOD authors should keep in mind that some journals may require identification of each author's contribution, to be submitted along with the manuscript such as -- acquisition of data, data analysis, statistical analysis, etc.

## 7.0 Preparation of Manuscripts and Presentations

When preparing a manuscript or presentation, the author should refer to the [www.jdrfnpod.org/publications.php](http://www.jdrfnpod.org/publications.php). This section of the Web site has instructions for nPOD nomenclature, how to obtain and refer to nPOD pathology images and links to acknowledgment statements, and nPOD and JDRF logos.

## 8.0 Notification of Manuscript Acceptance for Publication

When an nPOD investigator is informed that a paper is accepted for publication in a journal, but before the galley proofs are returned to the journal, the investigator should notify nPOD by completing a brief survey on [www.jdrfnpod.org/publications.php](http://www.jdrfnpod.org/publications.php).

Once the acceptance information is received, an email will be sent out to the lead and/or senior investigator to remind them about the need for consistent nPOD sample nomenclature. The email will contain examples of such and the acknowledgment statements as well as contact information for a representative from the nPOD administrative core.

Once the investigator has a complete copy including all figures and ancillary material as it is to be submitted, a copy must be submitted to the nPOD PPC and via the nPOD website at [www.jdrfnpod.org/publications.php](http://www.jdrfnpod.org/publications.php). The nPOD administrative core will notify the Executive Committee and PPC as notification of publications are received.

## 9.0 Press Releases

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Press releases related to publications, important new developments or findings from the nPOD should be performed in consultation with the JDRF media liaison and include notification to the nPOD administrative core (npod@pathology.ufl.edu).

The PPC has developed standard language that can be appended without specific review to nPOD press releases to acknowledge the role of specific institutions as follows:

“The nPOD Network (The Network for Pancreatic Donors with Diabetes) is a multi-national collaborative investigation funded by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) and designed to further scientific understanding of the causes of type 1 diabetes. Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disorder that results in destruction of cells in the pancreas that make insulin. For more information about nPOD, please visit [www.jdrfnpod.org](http://www.jdrfnpod.org).”

#### 11.0 Standardization of Nomenclature

nPOD samples, both those received by investigators or images downloaded from the nPOD online pathology site, are to be referred to be the standard nPOD nomenclature (e.g., nPOD 6052) so that all investigators may identify samples reported on.

The PPC is responsible for developing standardized nomenclature, and for disseminating this information to nPOD investigators. The PPC will work with the nPOD Administrative Core to annotate publications onto the nPOD Web site, so that users of nPOD samples will be able to reference these publications.

#### 10.0 New Projects and Overlap of Projects

Established investigators should seek and receive approval from the nPOD Tissue Prioritization Committee (TPC) to expand the scope of their original nPOD project. The TPC Chair, Alberto Pugliese, Ph.D., can be contacted at [apuglies@med.miami.edu](mailto:apuglies@med.miami.edu).

The nPOD Administrative Core will notify the PPC of projects approved by the TPC.

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