**GTEx Data Release and Publication Policy**

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It is the intent of the NIH to promote the dissemination of research findings from NIH genomic dataset(s) as widely as possible through scientific publication or other appropriate public dissemination mechanisms. The Genotype-Tissue Expression (GTEx) project will follow the 8-27-14 Genomic Data Sharing (GDS) policy (gds.nih.gov/index.html) with the following exceptions:

1. Pilot data set (phs000424.v3.p1) - acceptance of the “Ft. Lauderdale” principles of rapid, pre-publication data release (see [Sharing Data from Large-Scale Biological Research Projects: A System of Tripartite Responsibility](http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/About-us/Publications/Reports/Biomedical-science/WTD003208.htm" \t "_blank), 2003). The continued success of rapid pre-publication data release relies on the scientific community to respect the data producer’s interest to publish a full analysis of their data first. Secondary users are asked to refrain from submitting manuscripts describing comprehensive analyses until the Consortium has published their analysis.

May 8, 2015 - No restrictions - main manuscript published.

2. phs000424.v4.p1 - the dataset is subject to 9 months publication restriction starting from the date of the release; no restrictions after Jan 4, 2015.

All datasets from phs00424.v5.p1 forward will follow the NIH GDS policy. This means that once released through dbGaP, there are no restrictions on use or publication. This document and an accompanying table of dataset releases can be found at <http://www.gtexportal.org/home/documentationPage>.

Overall, users of GTEx data are strongly encouraged to publish their results in peer-reviewed journals and to present research findings at scientific meetings, etc. Investigators planning to conduct analyses similar to those described at http://www.gtexportal.org/home/documentationPage **may contact Consortium members or the NIH program staff at** [nhgrigtex@mail.nih.gov](mailto:nhgrigtex@mail.nih.gov) **to discuss collaborations, if so desired.**