

# Biobanking and its Role in Research

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## 10 Ideas Changing the World



- Why Your Job is Your Most Valuable Asset
- 2. Repurposing the Suburbs
- 3. Survival-Store Shopping
- 4. Biobanks; Saving Your Parts
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- 6. The New Calvinism
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- 9. Africa; Open for Business
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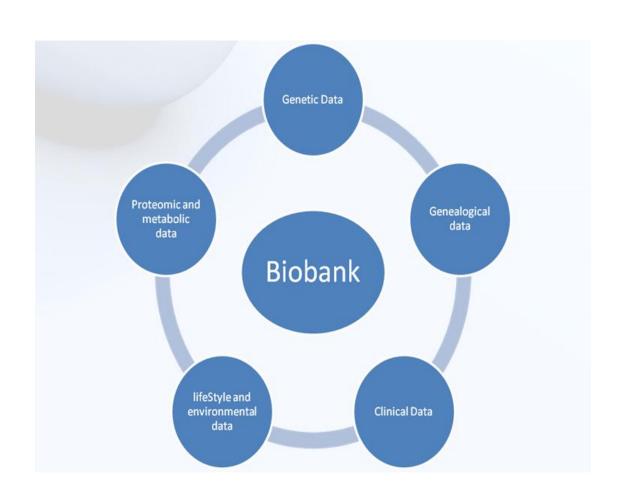


### Biobank.....

A Biorepository is a biological materials repository that collects, manages, processes, stores, and distributes biospecimens to support scientific investigations......

A building (conservation facility), room, or container for long term storage for biological specimens either for Clinical or Research purposes......







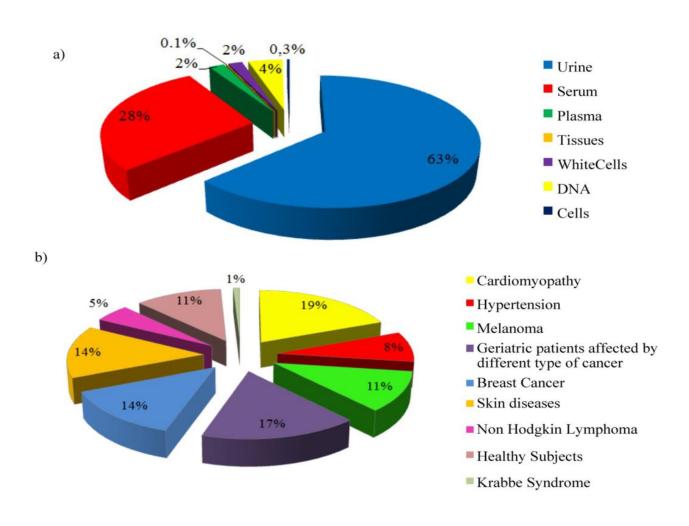
#### Public Awareness: Patients, Volunteers

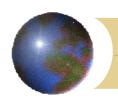
- Internet Forum, Seminars, Research Presentations
- TV/ Radio, Billboards, Public meetings/education

- Understand the purpose of Biobank
- Effective Participation in Biobanking
- Fast consenting
- No disruption of Clinical Workflow or material

**Effective BioBanking** 







## Freezers (-80°C) and Liquid N2 (-196°C)







#### Biospecimen are collected for Patient Care and for Research

**Biospecimen Collection** 

**Biospecimen Processing** 

**Biospecimen Storage** 

**Biospecimen Analysis** 

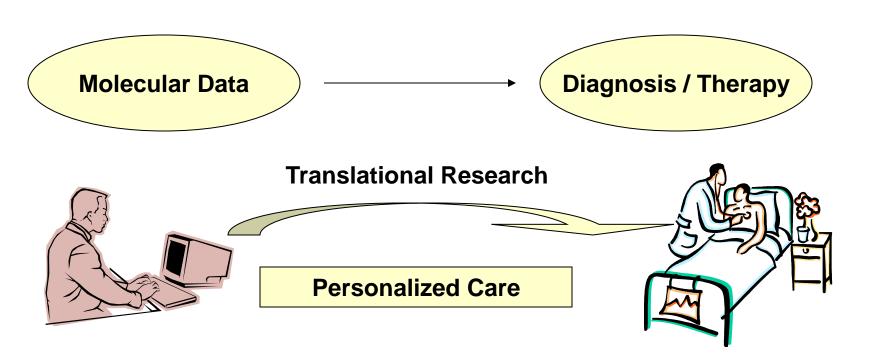
**Clinical Data Collection** 

Seed Vault/Storage

Patient Care Clinical Trials Research



#### **Translational Research Will Lead the Way to Personalized Medicine**



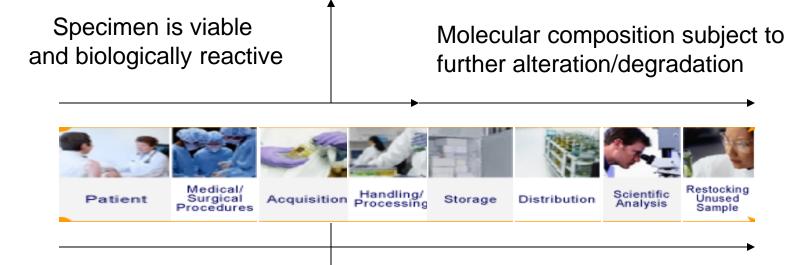
**Biospecimen Analysis** 

**Biospecimen Collection and Storage** 

**Biospecimen Processing and Banking** 



## Lifecycle of the Biospecimen



**Pre-acquisition** 

Post-acquisition



# Biospecimen Availability and Quality: Major Challenge for Research

The **lack of high quality**, appropriately collected, stored and annotated specimen is the limiting factor for translational research or basic research High quality specimen enables:

- Drug discovery
- Translational Research and basic research
- Clinical development
- Assay variability
- Specimen variability
- Diagnostic development
- Personalized medicine
- Targeted therapies



# The Difficulty in Acquiring High Quality Specimens and Data?

- Collection, processing, storage procedures differ
- Degree and type of data annotations varies
- Scope and type of patient consent differs
- Access policies are lacking or unknown to potential users
- Materials transfer agreement conditions differ
- Supporting IT structures differ in capacity and functionality
- Funding sources varies

Leads to Wide Variation in Quality of Specimen and Data



#### Pre-analytical Variables

#### **Pre-acquisition variables:**

- Antibiotics
- Other drugs
- Type of Anesthesia
- Duration of Anesthesia
- Arterial Clamp time
- Blood pressure variations
- Intra-op blood loss
- Intra-op blood administration
- Intra-op fluid administration
- Pre-existing medical conditions
- Patient gender
- Ethnicity

#### **Post-acquisition variables:**

- Time at room temperature
- Temperature of room
- Type of fixative
- Time of fixative
- Rate of freezing
- Processing method
- Size of aliquots
- Type of collection container
- Biomolecule extraction method
- Storage temperature
- Storage duration
- Storage in vacuum



### Strategic Approach to Problem

- STANDARDS: Develop guidance for biobanking to harmonize procedures for collection, processing, storage and distribution of biospecimens (The Best Practices for Biospecimen Resources: ISBER).
- SCIENCE: research to better understand how pre-analytical factors affect the integrity of the biospecimen (Biospecimen Research Network).
- Synergies: Collaboration to share resources and develop community-wide and international standards (CAP, FDA, NIST, National and International Partners).



# **Biorepository Services**

- Manage and Support functions
- Managing Contracts for Storage
- International Collaboration for Biorepository: Establish and Educate on Best Practices for Collection, Processing, Storage and Distribution of Biospecimen.
- Maintain Compliance.
- Work with European Partners
- cGMP Biospecimen Storage Services: Government and Commercial partners.
- Develop relationship with International and Domestic Biorepositories.
- Clinical Trials Support Services

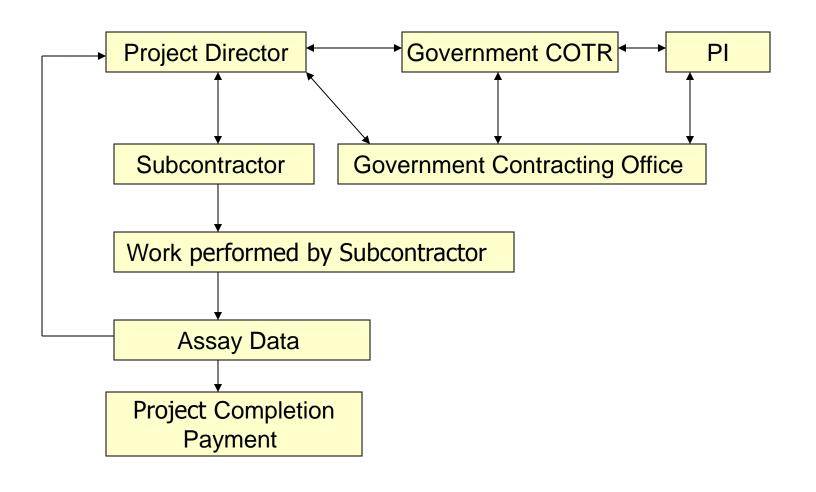


#### Contract Services and Management

- Work with Government researchers or Private Translational Institutes and collaborate on Specimen Collection and Storage and Research.
- Identify laboratories for specialized assay for research. Select laboratory and determine the process of procurement for their services.
- Develop specimen processing scheme in collaboration with researchers/investigators and support the specimen collection, processing, storage and retrieval of specimen (Domestic and International).
- Process specimen based on the requirement set in study protocol.
- Develop protocol for initial collection of specimen at field sites. Select collection sites and collect specimen, process materials, schedule procurement of materials and shipment of materials to designated field sites.
- Store specimen and manage inventory.
- Shipping and receiving of specimen to and from laboratory.
- Maintain laboratory under compliance.
- Automation in specimen processing

### Contract Process Flow

**Project Process Flow** 





# Challenges in Contracting Process and Solutions

- Education and Awareness at all Levels of Government and Internal Management Team (Department, Legal and Finance)
- Statement of Work
- Finding Laboratory to Work on the Project (Competitive Pricing)
- Develop Subcontract in Conjunction with Contracting Office, Internal Legal Office
- Material Transfer Agreements
- Shipment of Specimen and Manage Inventory
- Receipt of Specimen and Maintain Inventory
- Manage Subcontract and Subcontractor Performance
- Automation
- Communication
- Decision making



# Challenges in Contracting Process and Solutions.....

- Working with International Subcontractor
  - Communication (develop understanding)
  - Education on subcontracting process
  - Education on best practices
  - SOP development: specimen collection, processing and storage
  - Specimen collection, processing and inventory management
  - Specimen Storage and distribution
  - Temperature monitoring and record keeping
  - Inventory management (system, support and record keeping)
  - Payment structure (currency and price fluctuations issues)

#### **Government Contract Activities and Report**

Subcontract #	MEP#	Study/Res.	NCI- PIs	Status	Study Value \$\$
BRC-55502-23 (COA # 31) Johns Hopkins Univ.	264	Rakai Circumcision HPV/ Genotype	Charles Rabkin	Completed	\$39,520.00
BRC-55502-17 (COA # 18): USC		Melatonin Assay	Ann Hsing Lisa Chu	Open	\$63,294.00
BRC-55502-17 (COA # 18): USC	266	Prostate Tissue Study Hormones	Ann Hsing	Open	\$181,623.00
BRC-55502-17 (COA # 18): US	250	Hormone Assay	Rebecca Troisi	Open	\$44,400.00
BRC-55502-17 (COA # 18): USC	287	Hormone Analysis NIT study	Neal Freedman	Open	\$87,296.00
BRC-55502-17 (COA # 18): USC		Ghrelin Assay	Neal Freedman	In-Process	\$23,568.00
Subcontract with USC (NEW)		Hormone Assay: Mongolia	Rebecca Troisi	In-Process	\$163,000.00
BRC-55502-22 (COA # 30): RAND	237	BioSpecimen	Jim Vaught	completed	\$103,999.00
BRC-55502-28 (COA #40): Hershey Medical	263	Vit E; Smoking and Prostate cancer	Demetrius Albanes	Open	\$97,096.00
BRC-55502-29 (COA #41): BioServe/Sandor (India)		DNA Extraction, SNP and storage	Rashmi Sinha	Open	\$59,192.00
BRC-55502-31 (COA #44): Children's Hospital Boston		Hormone Analysis	Katherine McGlynn	Open	\$178,699.00
BRC-55502-30 (COA #42): Lady Davis Institute, Montreal, <b>Canada</b>		Adipokines analysis	Roni Falk	Open	\$49,755.00
Non-subcontract Work					
Tecan Robot		Processing specimen			\$250,000.00
Subcontract 17 & 27	202	Dartmouth Twins	Troisi	Open	
Non-subcontract	228	Lung Cancer in Women in China	Qing Lan Nat Rothman	Open	



#### Commercial Storage and Management

- Type of Biomateial and its requirement for storage: temperature, how long? How much?
- Biomaterials are stored in vapor phase of liquid nitrogen. Cell banks are split (50:50) in two freezers
- Bacterial cell banks stored in vapor phase of liquid nitrogen
- Distribute biomaterials as requested ensuring proper temperature condition and maintain inventory
- Provide Clinical Trial Support Services: Collection Kits, labeling, storage and inventory
- Monitor freezer condition 24 hours a day by automated system and maintain records
- Access to Biorepository is tightly controlled. Security is a high priority
- Strategic development and grow commercial business
- Redundant Systems (Generators, monitoring services)
- Compliance (cGMP, EMA, FDA)

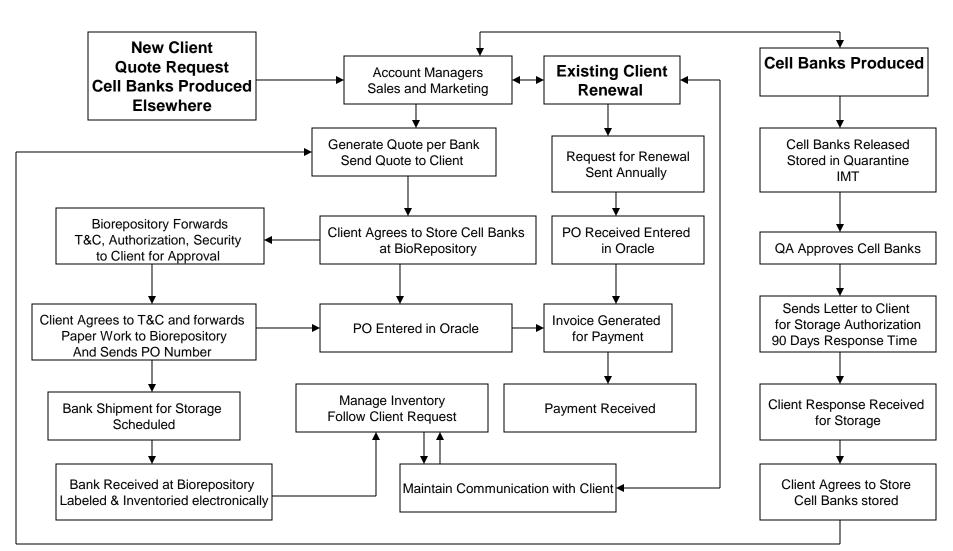


## Streamlining the Process: Changes

- Review process and incorporate changes:
  - Develop interdepartmental communication (team based approach)
  - Renewals and transfers
  - Work with account managers (sales team)
  - Added checks and balances in cell banking process flow: Cell bank directed by the end of production
  - Work with order management (weekly meeting): Generate quotes and send to account managers
  - Streamline cell storage paperwork acceptable to all accounts meeting quality and compliance
  - Add Project managers into the process for support

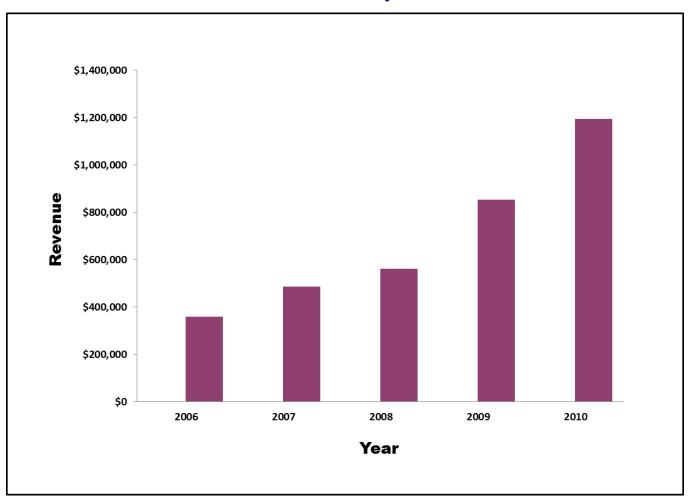
#### **Commercial Cell Banking Process Flow**

#### **cGMP**



## Commercial Cell Storage

Revenue by Year





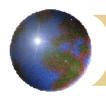
## **Cell Storage Improvements**

- Changes for future Improvements
  - Developed cost models
  - Auto renewal process (eRoom)
  - Standardized terms and conditions (Domestic, International)
  - Developed questionnaire regarding storage
  - Developed SOPs (Domestic International)
  - Developed global product offering (Domestic, Inetrnational)
  - Expansion on LN2 storage
  - Expansion on Pharmaceutical storage capabilities
  - Bring new technologies for assay development
  - Automation in sample processing



# **Summary**

- Perspective on Biobanking
- Importance of High Quality Specimen Collection,
  Storage and Distribution
- Government Contracting Process
- Commercial Storage Process



## How Accomplished.....?



- Personal touch
- Dedication to service
- Customer Education
- Meeting and Exceeding customer expectations



# Thank you for Your Attention

Questions??