

RESOURCE SHARING PLAN – EPIBIOS4RX PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT CORE

Progress in scientific understanding is best achieved by the free and open exchange of knowledge, data, and ideas. Progress in these efforts is paralleled by growing interest throughout the scientific community in having timely access to the information and resources that may speed the understanding of disease etiology, refinement of diagnostic systems, and development of novel therapeutic agents and preventive interventions. We have been pioneers in developing open sharing models that provide rapid and open sharing of data and other resources. Our Resource Sharing Plan is multifaceted in order to best achieve the spirit of sharing.

Sharing Informatics Best Practices

Validation and sharing of translational and informatics research protocols, practices and findings is challenging because of their diversity, heterogeneity of the data and the provenance of the data and tools employed in these analyses. The Public Engagement Core will share documents and materials created through the EpiBioS4Rx website. Results of surveys conducted will be shared with consumer groups and other investigators.

Data Sharing

All data sharing will follow the policies mandated by the USC IRB, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), and USC/Keck Medical Center regulations and those by the collaborating institutions. While the present proposal only uses data collected at the other institutions and already assessed for compliance with regulatory requirements we still evaluate all for any PHI prior to databasing and making it available to the outside world.