

Publications Policy

The Atlantic Partnership for Tomorrow's Health (Atlantic PATH) study is a regional cohort of the Canadian Partnership for Tomorrow's Health (CanPath, formerly the Canadian Partnership for Tomorrow Project, CPTP), a pan-Canadian longitudinal cohort examining the role of genetic, environmental, behavioural, and lifestyle factors in the development of cancer and other chronic disease. One of the primary objectives of Atlantic PATH is to encourage and facilitate the use of the data and biosamples by researchers, with an emphasis on cancer etiology and other chronic disease.

The Atlantic PATH and CanPath Publications Policies both encourage approved users to disseminate their research results widely to benefit the scientific community and general population, including publishing results in peer-reviewed publications.

This document outlines Atlantic PATH's policy on publishing research results derived from the use of Atlantic PATH data and/or biosamples. The objectives of this policy are to:

- clearly document the requirements for publications that use data and biosamples from Atlantic PATH; and
- increase the dissemination of research using Atlantic PATH data and biosamples.

Authorship

One or more internal Atlantic PATH investigators must be included as contributing authors on relevant dissemination materials, including manuscripts.

Manuscript Review

All publications must be submitted to Atlantic PATH prior to submission for review. The review will focus primarily on ensuring that content related to Atlantic PATH is accurate; individual participants are not identified; Atlantic PATH and CanPath are properly acknowledged; and that the analyses are within the scope of the approved Data Access Application.

Acknowledgement

Authors must acknowledge the contribution of Atlantic PATH in publications and presentations. All publications must contain the following statement:

This research has been conducted using Atlantic PATH [data and/or biosamples], under application [*insert project number here, e.g., 2019-101*].

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Although not mandatory, approved users may consider including the following statement:

Acknowledgements: We would like to thank the Atlantic PATH participants who donated their time, personal health history and biological samples to this project. We would also like to thank the Atlantic PATH team members for data collection and management.

Data Availability and Access

Atlantic PATH and CanPath do not allow approved users to share data beyond the approved members of their research team. Journals that request data to be provided into a repository should be provided with the following statement:

Data and biosamples from Atlantic PATH are available to researchers through a data access process. Additional information can be obtained by contacting info@atlanticpath.ca.

Dissemination

Upon publication, a final copy of the manuscript must be sent to Atlantic PATH. Atlantic PATH commits to helping to promote research and will disseminate relevant information on its website, social media and through our professional networks.

Presentations

Detailed information about presentations utilizing Atlantic PATH data and biosamples must be provided to Atlantic PATH (e.g., authors, title of presentation, date and name of conference).