



# Shifting the Paradigm for Genetic Sample Resources

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# Overview

- Current Process
- Proposal for Change
- Contrast
- Scientific Benefits of New Model
- Commercial Benefits
- Discussion



# Genetic Biosamples



- Typically blood
  - Treated for clotting
  - Antimicrobial
  - Frozen
- Extracted DNA
  - Frozen
  - Blotted
- Desired data
  - Genotype or sequence of one or more loci

# Current Model



## **Sample is**

- ✓ Taken and prepped for storage
- ✓ Retrieved and prepped for genotyping
- ✓ Genotyped
- ✓ Remainder returned to storage

## **Data obtained**

Inventory (where is it, how much is left, what format is it in)

# Proposed Model



## **Sample**

- ✓ Taken and prepped for genotyping
- ✓ Uniformly genotyped and imputed
  - Note: combination of direct and indirect methods
- ✓ Remainder sent to storage (archival)

## **Data obtained**

Inventory (where is it, how much is left, what format is it in)

# Pros and Cons of Current Model



## Positives

- Familiar
- No upfront genotyping expense
- Obtain only the data desired
- Genotyping/sequencing costs continue to drop

## Negatives

- Possibility that sample gets lost or consent expires
- **Expense** in storing/retrieving/prepping sample
- **Time lag** in above
- No/Limited use of sample
- Non-uniform data generated

# Pros and Cons of New Model



## Positives

- Data available and uniform
- Reduced expense for storing/retrieving/prepping sample
- Reduced time lag in above
- Maximize use of sample
- Sample loss avoided
- Data may improve over time as reference panels and imputation algorithms improve

## Negatives

- Upfront genotyping expense
- May still miss the desired data (e.g., sequence)
- Infrastructure for data maintenance and access may be lacking



# Perfect Genomic Data



- Complete and accurate full sequence
- Including simple structural (indel) variation
- Including complex structural variation (CNV)
- Including phase
  
- Exclusions
  - Mosaicism
  - Epigenetic phenomena

# What is Sacrificed in Proposal?



- *de novo* mutations (single patient)
- Private variation (single family)
- Rare variants that fail to impute
- Common variants that fail to impute
- Indels and CNVs that fail to impute
  
- Phase should be accessible as part of imputation process

# Commercial Considerations



## Per Sample

- Incurring upfront genotyping costs in place of sample prep/storage/retrieval costs
- Storage and retrieval is now data, not sample

## Infrastructure

- Freezers and personnel now minimized to storage of archival (non-frozen?) samples
- Shift to data infrastructure

# Discussion



***Thanks!***



**The End(s)**