

**Guidance Notes for Applicant Researchers to the
Juvenile Dermatomyositis Cohort Biomarker Study and Repository (UK and Ireland)
Steering Committee**

1. A completed application form should be submitted to the Steering Committee. This should include a definition of the amounts and types of samples required, plus state if they need matched clinical data.
2. Applications will take up to one month to complete the application process and work can not commence until approval has been granted
3. It should be understood that no proposal which replicates prior or concurrent work will be accepted.
4. Projects will be given approval with a time limitation built into it i.e. a date by which the project should have commenced otherwise access and availability of samples and data can no longer be guaranteed.
5. Samples will not be released until proof of funding (where applicable) and Ethical Approval (in all cases) are provided to the committee.
6. Collaborative, multi-centre projects are welcomed by the Committee. A copy of the collaborative agreement will be required if the project application is given approval.
7. All publications derived from studies involving this resource are subject to the Authorship and Publications Guidelines of the Juvenile Dermatomyositis Cohort Biomarker Study and Repository (UK and Ireland)/Juvenile Dermatomyositis Research Group a copy of which is enclosed.