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Re Implementing the New NIH Public Access Policy

Beginning May 2, 2005, a new NIH Public Access Policy requests that all NIH-funded investigators submit to PubMed Central (PMC) an electronic version of the author's final manuscript including all modifications from the peer review process, upon acceptance for publication. The policy does not apply to letters to the editor, editorials, or other submitted materials.

The NIH sees this policy as a mechanism to help them monitor and archive the output of research funded by NIH and to ensure the availability of research results for the benefit of the public, health care providers, educators, and scientists. As an NIH Investigator, choosing to submit the final peer-reviewed manuscript to PMC will fulfill grant progress reporting requirements by substituting deposit for submission of paper copies of articles. It could also heighten the visibility of the research and enhance the likelihood of early and increased citation.

This policy does not change the ability of either the author or the publisher to assert copyright. Many publishers already release their content to the public earlier than the 12 months that is recommended in the policy. If you are willing to participate in the NIH Public Access Policy we will work with you and your publisher to secure release of your article for deposit. While the criteria for deposit has not yet been established by NIH we will also assist you with the actual deposit of your published article both in PubMed Central and in Creighton's institutional repository, which will be developed in 2005/06. I encourage you to contact me ([jbothmer@creighton.edu](mailto:jbothmer@creighton.edu) or 280-5120) with your questions and concerns as we work together through the issues of policy implementation.

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Thank you for your assistance.