

Department of Population Science Data Access Policies and Procedures

American Cancer Society's (ACS) Population Science investigators recognize the value of and welcome externally proposed studies that utilize the Cancer Prevention Studies or other Department research resources (e.g., Studies of Cancer Survivors) that are judged to be of high interest and scientific merit. Therefore, investigators outside of Population Science may request access to our data and/or biospecimens to conduct a study. Steps 1, 2 and 3 below can happen anytime throughout the year. However, the initial evaluation of full proposals (step 4) occurs only during the first week of each month.

1. *Prior to Contacting Population Science Investigators, we encourage potential collaborators to be sure we have information appropriate for answering*

- iv. Data and/or biologic materials requested
 - f. NIH Biosketch of key investigators involved in proposal
4. *Review of Full Proposal:* The completed application should be submitted to the collaborating Population Science investigator who will present to the full committee of Population Science investigators. To allow for adequate time to review the full proposal, it must be submitted at least one-week before the first week of the month. The proposal will be reviewed according to the criteria described below. On

