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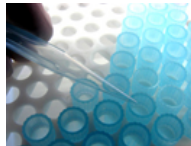
Network for Pancreatic Organ
Donors with Diabetes



Happy Holidays from nPOD

We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season and thank you for your continued support of type 1 diabetes research. Together we will find a cure.

Please remember that nPOD will be open throughout the holiday season, including Christmas Day and New Years Day. nPOD staff can be reached through the nPOD toll free number at (866) 731-6585.



Welcome to New nPOD Investigators

Congratulations to JDRF nPOD RFA Grant Recipient:

[Helena Reijonen, PhD](#)

Benaroya Research Institute

Correlation of Islet Autoantigen-Specific T-Cell Repertoire in the Pancreatic Lymph Nodes and Peripheral Blood in T1D Autoimmunity

We are also pleased to welcome these additional investigators:

[Noel Morgan](#)

Peninsula Medical School

Enteroviral Infection as a Causative Factor in Type 1 Diabetes

[Andrew Stewart](#)

University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

Multidisciplinary Approaches to Driving Human Beta Cell Replication

[E. Scott Swenson](#)

Yale University, School of Medicine

Polyploidy in the Exocrine Pancreas

[Todd Brusko](#)

University of Florida

Molecular Signature of Autoimmune T cells in Type 1 Diabetes

Our deepest sympathies to the loved ones of Mark D. Pescovitz, M.D.



Dr. Mark Pescovitz, esteemed nPOD investigator and professor at the Indiana University School of Medicine was killed in an automobile accident on December 12, 2010. Dr. Pescovitz was an accomplished physician with a passion for type 1 diabetes research, as well as a loving husband and father of three children. We

Changes in the New Year at nPOD

Jayne Moraski, MS, Assistant Director, OPO and Lab Relations



Jayne Moraski, MS, is the Assistant Director of nPOD and will work primarily to coordinate relationships with the nPOD screening laboratories and organ procurement organizations (OPO). Please contact Jayne if you are an OPO interested in working with nPOD. Jayne also coordinates nPOD educational webinars, manages nPOD's onsite presence at professional conferences and coordinates our annual meeting. Jayne can be reached via email at jmoraski@ufl.edu or by phone at (352) 359-2741.

Amy Wright, MS, MBA, nPOD Coordinator for Investigator Relations



We are pleased to introduce Amy Wright, MS, MBA, who has joined the nPOD project as the Coordinator for Investigator Relations. In her new position, Amy will focus on making sure nPOD investigators have the support they need to conduct nPOD related research. Amy can assist investigators with nPOD online pathology access, applications from new investigators, tissue sample requests from existing investigators, IRB paperwork, and other investigator related concerns. Amy is also the staff liaison for the investigator based nPOD Tissue Prioritization Committee, the nPOD Publication and Presentations Policy Committee, and the nPOD Technology and Scientific Collaboration Committee. She can be reached by email at ajwright@pathology.ufl.edu or by phone at (352) 273-9294.

Carmen Retrum, MS, nPOD Coordinator for Special Projects



Carmen Retrum, MS, is the nPOD Special Projects Coordinator. In this role, she serves as the nPOD staff liaison for the nPOD-e, nPOD-t, and nPOD-c initiatives. nPOD-e is an effort to expand nPOD's recovery efforts to Europe in order to increase access to human biospecimens for our investigators. The nPOD-t initiative is in the preliminary stages of exploring the feasibility of recovering pancreata from donors who have had a pancreas transplant. These tissues would also be available to nPOD investigators. The nPOD-c effort seeks to better understand the needs of investigators engaged in diabetes-related complications research and develop a model to recover human biospecimens to support these investigators. Carmen continues to serve as the nPOD Webmaster. She can be contacted at leahret@ufl.edu or by phone at (352) 273-9296.

extend our condolences to Dr. Pescovitz's wife, Dr. Ora Pescovitz and their family. A touching article from his brother can be found by clicking [here](#).

OPO Partners

Be on the lookout in the new year for a personalized newsletter directly from Jayne Moraski that will focus on topics directly related to you and nPOD.

Lindsay Kallman, nPOD Administrative Assistant



Lindsay Kallman is the new nPOD Administrative Assistant. She assists with all aspects of the program including scheduling, nPOD online pathology passwords, newsletter, events and much more.

You can reach Lindsay at likallman@ufl.edu or by phone (352) 273-9295.

For more information, please visit www.jdrfnpod.org.