



Policies and Guidelines for Research & Researchers at Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute (VCHRI)

5. Intellectual Property

All individuals involved in research at VCHRI are encouraged to discuss and publish the results of research as soon and as fully as may be reasonable and possible. However, publication of the details of a VCHRI invention may make it impossible to seek patent protection. Patenting and licensing arrangements frequently facilitate public use and commercial application of VCHRI inventions.

When a VCHRI invention is an outcome of research activities and has perceived public benefit, VCHRI will develop and commercialize the invention in an effective and efficient manner or encourage staff involved in creating the VCHRI invention to develop and commercialize the VCHRI invention. In either case VCHRI will share, with the inventor(s), in the proceeds that result from the commercialization of the VCHA invention.

5.1 UBC Inventors

Individuals involved in research at VCHRI who have UBC appointments are subject to The University of British Columbia's Policy #88: Patents and Licensing ("UBC's IP Policy") and the terms and conditions of any affiliation agreements between VCH and The University of British Columbia ("UBC").

5.2 Inventors from other Organizations

In cases where an Inventor subject to the VCH Intellectual Property Policy is also subject to the policy of another organization (e.g. hospital, health authority, or other external institutions), the determination of rights to a VCH Invention and the allocation of Net Revenue, Equity and Net Proceeds arising out of the Commercialization of the VCH Invention shall be subject to the terms and conditions of agreements between VCH and the external institution in force at the time of disclosure of the VCH Invention, or in the absence of such an agreement to negotiation between the institutions involved.