

SURVEILLANCE RESEARCH PROGRAM

VTR Request Form

I. STUDY INFORMATION All fields required.

Study Title				
Cancer Site(s)				
Section A. Principal Investigator and Laboratory				
1. Principal Investigator Information				
Name		Institution		
Institutional Email				
Address 1				
Address 2				
City		State	ZIP Code	
Phone 1		Phone 2		
2. Recipient Laboratory Contact Information <small>Provide the names and contact information for two people at the lab receiving the study materials.</small>				
Laboratory Contact 1				
Name		Institution		
Institutional Email				
Address 1				
Address 2				
City		State	ZIP Code	
Phone 1		Phone 2		
Laboratory Contact 2				
Name				
Institutional Email		Phone		
3. Recipient Clinical Data Contact Information <small>Provide the name and contact information for the person receiving the clinical data.</small>				
Name		Institution		
Institutional Email				
Address 1				
Address 2				
City		State	ZIP Code	
Phone 1		Phone 2		

Section B. Project Information and Regulatory Documentation

What types of data, tissue, or other services are being requested? <i>(select all that apply)</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded (FFPE) tissue acquisition & processing <input type="checkbox"/> Pathology report deidentification <input type="checkbox"/> Pathologist review or tissue selection <input type="checkbox"/> Digital whole slide imaging <input type="checkbox"/> VTR Program Standard Dataset <input type="checkbox"/> Custom clinical data collection		
Since the meeting with the registry, have the project objectives, subject eligibility criteria, and/or tissue or data requirements changed? <i>If Yes, please submit a new Study Information Form.</i>				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Type of IRB Review & Approval. Investigators will be required to submit documentation of IRB review and approval. Identify the type of IRB documentation you expect to provide.		<input type="checkbox"/> Full Board <input type="checkbox"/> Expedited <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt from review		
IRB Number <i>(if applicable)</i>		IRB Determination Date <i>(if applicable)</i>		IRB Expiration Date <i>(if applicable)</i>
Does this project involve sequencing of nucleic acids or proteins extracted from requested specimens? <i>If Yes, an Institutional Certification must be submitted. (For further details, refer to https://sharing.nih.gov/genomic-data-sharing-policy/institutional-certifications)</i>				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Section C. Funding Information

A funding support letter is required to show proof of grant or other funding. If the project is funded by NIH, then a data sharing plan is required. For further details, refer to [NIH Data Management and Sharing Policy](#).

Is the study funded? <i>If Yes or Pending, complete Table 1.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Pending
If currently unfunded, what are the planned sources of funding?	

Table 1: Sources of Funding

Information Requested	Funding Source #1	Funding Source #2 <i>(if not applicable, leave this column blank)</i>
Funding Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending <input type="checkbox"/> Received	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending <input type="checkbox"/> Received
Name Source		
Is this project funded by NIH?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Grant Number		
Grant Start Date		
Grant End Date		

II. CASE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Complete the case eligibility criteria in Table 2. Index cases are the primary group being studied. If data, whole slide images (WSIs), and/or tissue are being requested for a comparison group, complete that column. For example, in a study comparing cancer cases among Black individuals with cancer cases among White people, the Black cases are the index cases, and the White cases are the comparison group cases. If there is no comparison group, leave that column blank.

Table 2: Case Selection Eligibility				
Eligibility Criteria	Index Cases		Comparison Group Cases <i>(complete column if applicable)</i>	
What is the target case count?				
Sex	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> All	Counts _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> All	Counts _____ _____ _____
Race	<input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	Counts _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	Counts _____ _____ _____
Ethnicity	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latinx <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latinx <input type="checkbox"/> All	Counts _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latinx <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latinx <input type="checkbox"/> All	Counts _____ _____ _____
Minimum Age (<i>years</i>)				
Maximum Age (<i>years</i>)				
Stage at Diagnosis (<i>select all that apply</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> In Situ <input type="checkbox"/> Localized <input type="checkbox"/> Regional <input type="checkbox"/> Distant <input type="checkbox"/> Benign borderline <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		<input type="checkbox"/> In Situ <input type="checkbox"/> Localized <input type="checkbox"/> Regional <input type="checkbox"/> Distant <input type="checkbox"/> Benign borderline <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
Maximum Survival Time (<i>months</i>)	_____ or <input type="checkbox"/> Any		_____ or <input type="checkbox"/> Any	
Minimum Survival Time (<i>months</i>)	_____ or <input type="checkbox"/> Any		_____ or <input type="checkbox"/> Any	
Earliest Year of Diagnosis (YYYY) No later than 9 years prior	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Any		_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Any	
Most Recent Year of Diagnosis (YYYY) No earlier than 1 year prior	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Any		_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Any	
Only Include First Primary Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain	
Allow Synchronous Multiple Primaries	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain	
Allow Metachronous Multiple Primaries	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain	
Allow Neoadjuvant Treatment	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain	
Types of Neoadjuvant Treatment Allowed <i>(check all that apply)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Chemotherapy <input type="checkbox"/> Immunotherapy <input type="checkbox"/> Hormone therapy <input type="checkbox"/> Radiation therapy <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>specify</i>) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain		<input type="checkbox"/> Chemotherapy <input type="checkbox"/> Immunotherapy <input type="checkbox"/> Hormone therapy <input type="checkbox"/> Radiation therapy <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>specify</i>) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain	

Table 2: Case Selection Eligibility Continued

Eligibility Criteria	Index Cases	Comparison Group Cases <i>(complete column if applicable)</i>
Procedure Types Allowed <i>(check all that apply)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Biopsy <input type="checkbox"/> Surgery <input type="checkbox"/> Autopsy <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain	<input type="checkbox"/> Biopsy <input type="checkbox"/> Surgery <input type="checkbox"/> Autopsy <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain
Allow Cases With Only Biopsy Tissue	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain
ICD-O-3 Topography Code(s)* <i>(Found starting on p 42 of this document: https://iris.who.int/bitstream/handle/10665/96612/9789241548496_eng.pdf)</i>		
ICD-O-3.2 Morphology Code(s) Included* <i>(Found at http://www.iacr.com.fr/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=100&Itemid=577)</i>		
ICD-O-3.2 Morphology Code(s) Excluded*	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> All others _____	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> All others _____
Biomarker Restrictions <i>(ex: triple negative breast cancers)</i> <i>For a list of biomarkers captured by SEER, refer to https://apps.naacr.org/ssdi/list/</i>		

III. SPECIMEN SELECTION AND PROCESSING

Specimen Type(s) Requested *(Complete Table 3 if you are requesting tissue processing and/or whole slide imaging):* Note that the slide scanners used for the VTR Program are Leica/Aperio scanners and produce .svs WSIs. WSIs will be sent to requestors via encrypted external hard drives. The drive size and associated cost will depend on the total data size of the WSI collection. Requestors will be responsible for the cost of the external hard drive.

Table 3: Study Tissue Selection and Processing Requirements

Requirement	Primary Tumor	Non-Tumor <i>(complete column if applicable)</i>	Metastasis <i>(complete column if applicable)</i>
Tissue Requirements			
Requirement	<input type="checkbox"/> Required <input type="checkbox"/> If available <input type="checkbox"/> Not required	<input type="checkbox"/> Required <input type="checkbox"/> If available <input type="checkbox"/> Not required	<input type="checkbox"/> Required <input type="checkbox"/> If available <input type="checkbox"/> Not required
Preferred Specimen Site Term(s) <i>(ex: lymph node, breast, etc.)</i>			
Total Amount of Tissue Needed <i>(microns)</i>			
Number of Blocks Needed			
Specimen Selection			
Minimum Tumor Cellularity (%)			
Maximum Tumor Necrosis			

¹ Fritz A, Percy C, Jack A, Shanmugaratnam K, Sobin L, Parkin DM, Whelan S. *International Classification of Diseases for Oncology*, Third Edition, First Revision. World Health Organization, 2013. Accessed August 19, 2024. https://iris.who.int/bitstream/handle/10665/96612/9789241548496_eng.pdf

² International Association of Cancer Registries. *International Classification of Diseases for Oncology (ICD-O)*, Third Edition, Second Revision Morphology. Accessed August 19, 2024. http://www.iacr.com.fr/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=100&Itemid=577

*Please separate each code with a semicolon. Provide codes only, without terms

Table 3: Study Tissue Selection and Processing Requirements Continued

Requirement	Primary Tumor	Non-Tumor <i>(complete column if applicable)</i>	Metastasis <i>(complete column if applicable)</i>
Specimen Processing Tissue processing requested			
<input type="checkbox"/> Unstained Slides <i>(if checked, answer below)</i>			
a. Unstained slides number <i>(per block/total)</i>			
b. Unstained slides thickness <i>(microns)</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> H&E-Stained Slides <i>(if checked, answer below)</i>			
c. H&E-stained slides number <i>(per block/total)</i>			
d. H&E-stained slides thickness <i>(microns)</i>			
e. H&E-stained slides level ratio <i>(number of unstained slides to each H&E-stained slide)</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Scrolls in Tube(s) <i>(if checked, answer below)</i>			
f. Scrolls number <i>(per block/total)</i>			
g. Scrolls thickness <i>(microns)</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Ribbons <i>(if checked, answer below)</i>			
h. Number of sections <i>(per block/total)</i>			
i. Ribbons thickness <i>(microns)</i>			
Whole Slide Imaging (.svs images generated via Leica/Aperio scanners)			
Scanning Magnification	<input type="checkbox"/> 20x <input type="checkbox"/> 40x <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> 20x <input type="checkbox"/> 40x <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> 20x <input type="checkbox"/> 40x <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
Maximum Number of H&E-Stained Slides per Case to Scan	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> All available	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> All available	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> All available
Pathologist Prescreening and Selection	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain

IV. SEER DATA AND CUSTOM CLINICAL DATA COLLECTION REQUESTS

Section A. Pathology Report Deidentification *(Complete if you are requesting deidentified pathology reports)*

What types of specimens do you want deidentified pathology reports of?	<input type="checkbox"/> Initial biopsy <input type="checkbox"/> Surgical resection <input type="checkbox"/> Metastasis <input type="checkbox"/> Recurrence biopsy
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Section B. Custom Clinical Data

(Complete if you are requesting custom clinical data collection in addition to the VTR Program Standard Dataset. For a list of these standard data items, visit the [VTR Program Website](#).)

Briefly describe the types of data being requested <i>(Please limit to 150 words)</i>	
Will a codebook or data dictionary be provided?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No