QUALITY OF RESEARCH TISSUE PREPARATIONS:

The MHITL produces high quality islet preparations for distribution to researchers throughout North America and around the world. Islets, acinar tissue, ductal cells or segments, pancreatic biopsies, or blood vessels can be packaged and shipped according to the request of the recipient scientist. Preparations of islets may be shipped in gas-permeable cell culture bags for immediate use, snap-frozen prior to shipment on dry ice, or formalin fixed and shipped at room temperature. Along with the islet shipment, researchers will be provided with a summary of the islet isolation. Information pertaining to the number of islets sent, the purity and viability of the preparation, as well as images of the islets will be included in the islet assessment summary.

Privacy, Confidentiality, and Data Protection:

Consent for organ donation for research is obtained from next-of-kin by trained personnel from Transplant Quebec. All individuals involved in the process from organ donation to pancreas processing to islet evaluation and shipment have been trained in the standards respecting data protection and maintenance of donor confidentiality.

Thus, the highest standards of quality control and protection of privacy will be practiced as outlined by Health Canada Guidance Document for Cell, Tissue and Organ Establishments.

Enquiries:

To obtain further information or to initiate a Material Transfer Agreement, please do not hesitate to CONTACT US.