InSiGHT Position Statement on Data and Knowledge Sharing

The International Society for Gastrointestinal Hereditary Tumours (InSiGHT) is an international multidisciplinary, scientific organisation and Incorporated Charity. Our mission is to improve the quality of care of patients and families with any hereditary condition that may result in gastrointestinal tumours.

InSiGHT holds a biennial international meeting, with the aim of sharing data and knowledge about the latest advances in our field, including in the care of families with inherited gastrointestinal tumours. InSiGHT works openly and collaboratively. On occasions, there are patent protections and conservation of the interests of researchers (eg before publication, or use of data without consent) which need to be respected, but at all times the intent of InSiGHT is to improve the quality of care of patients and families, globally.

In the best interests of humanity, this is without doubt, best achieved by open exchange of knowledge and information. InSiGHT will support those entities in their own missions and business plans that practise such sharing, insofar as it can.

This position strongly guides the procedures, curation and management of the InSiGHT DNA variant databases, and its Variant Interpretation Committee (now Variant Curation Expert Panel) as this service is adopted by other institutions to service curation.

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