



The GABRIEL network Charter

The principles of the GABRIEL network outlined below, are binding upon by all GABRIEL Members.

1. GABRIEL is an international non-profit network dedicated to research and training in the field of laboratory-based surveillance of infectious diseases.

The GABRIEL network establishes strong links between national and international institutions to improve local capacity and public health in low-income countries.

2. The GABRIEL network members belong to different and varied institutions: National Public Health Laboratories or Research laboratories supported by Fondation Mérieux, academic and reference laboratories, clinical departments of hospitals and *in vitro* diagnostic companies.

Membership is granted by the GABRIEL Steering Committee.

3. Members have the possibility to participate in multi-centre research projects focusing on infectious diseases that have a major impact on public health, including epidemiological studies contributing to better understanding of endemic infectious agents.

Research projects must be conducted according to the specifications to coordinate the research protocols as proposed by the Fondation Mérieux.

Research projects involving human subjects must be approved by a local competent Ethical Committee.

Studies in local hospitals are governed by local ethical and other pertinent laws.

4. GABRIEL Members from low income countries should establish or expand links with national networks : Public Health Laboratories, regional and rural care centers, and provide feedback to during and after the study.

5. In case of epidemics or pandemics, Members will make all possible efforts, through the GABRIEL network, to :

- support rapid alert activities of health authorities
- obtain/accept specimens for diagnosis, and,
- identify and characterize infectious agents in those specimens by providing and/or developing most up to date tests for laboratory surveillance.

6. Members will benefit from technology transfer and support from the GABRIEL network for diagnostic tools adapted to local needs in relationship with the GABRIEL main focuses as described in the General Rules of Organization for GABRIEL.

7. Members can benefit from training in research and if qualified, must participate in training activities either as trainers or trainees within the GABRIEL network.

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8. Any results from GABRIEL research projects must be shared among the various members on the secure area of the GABRIEL website (www.gabriel-network.org) that is accessed by Member login and is password protected. Information available on the secure area of the GABRIEL website is confidential and must not be shared outside the secure area.

9. In the case of any research works from GABRIEL resulting in a patent, involved Members have to make official an agreement specifying their own responsibilities, and undertake to inform the research committee.

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