

Collections for All:

Why do you think clinical research is important to museums?

Raises the profile of the museum
- demonstrates value of collectors + relevance

Clinical research only makes sense in a biological framework. Museums provide the comparative material

Transfer of techniques | ideas outside of subject to drive innovation

Preservation bias

Improve our knowledge and understanding of collections

Good case studies will attract more research use of collections

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Educate none specialists about the importance of human remains and science

Collections within collections (DNA work)

Using specimens to validate modern imaging techniques

Museums are refugia for 'dead' science expertise

To add important specimens for the preservation for & benefit of society, which would probably not enter into museums otherwise

Veterinary clinicians need museums (with their wide range of material, vet and invert) and with respect museum need vets

Improve/increase information can get out of specimens

Need to retain expert staff to support clinical research

Justifying continued relevance of natsci material

Directly demonstrate importance of collections (quantitatively)

Raise awareness of collections and their potential

Relevance
Awareness of Collection
Resonance to past, present and future

Collection usability
-> for stakeholder

New techniques continually add value to collections (DNA, CTScanning) therefore collections invaluable

Shows collections to be active & relevant

Justification for existence & funding

Historical, comparative collections provide temporal relevance to topical /current clinical research

Validates retention of collections

Thinking about historic collections in new ways

Clinical research an 'easier' sell in terms of Research Impact

Collaboration connections with new research
Innovation Developments
Justifying being kept

Untapped potential for multidisciplinary research

Add value to the collections by identifying aspects of the collection which would otherwise be missed

Sometimes it's not all Nat Sci collections will be applicable to clinical research

The information from research can inform future generations in practice esp. in patients' care, treatment, aftercare

Drive how + what material we acquire



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