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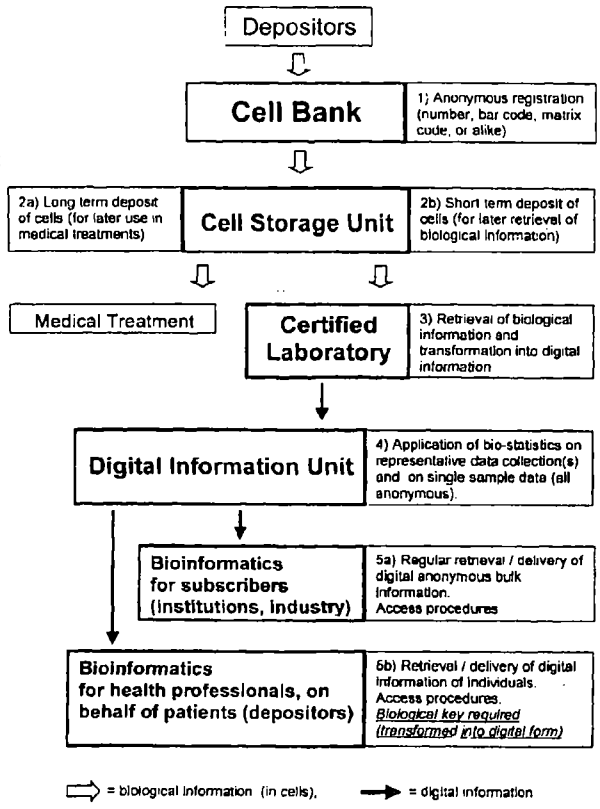
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(57) Abstract: A system for storage of cellular material and retrieval of genetic information comprises a cell bank comprising a plurality of cell storage units for storage of cellular material from individual depositors. Cryo-preservation of the material is contemplated. Genetic information obtained from the cellular material is compiled in a digital information unit to create a data base of the information which can be accessed such as for medical, pharmaceutical, and biological research, diagnosis, and treatment. Fees generated in connection with retrieval of the genetic information will permit cost-effective storage of cellular material. When a decrease in storage costs and storage fees leads to an increase in the number of depositions of cellular material, the significance and the value of the genetic information available in the data base will increase.

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