**Information about the new FlowJo license**

FlowJo has changed their licensing system and now offers a cloud based login system with "portal accounts", which are basically FlowJo logins. It's free to create a login/portal account, but to use FlowJo, the computer accessing FlowJo must be licensed, i.e. activated or registered through the new portal licensing system. This is not that different from the old HWA system.

The new FlowJo licensing model offers two license options:

1. Individual: One user has one portal account (login) but can choose to access FlowJo on any of four computers. These four computers are assigned by the user in their portal account, but FlowJo can only be accessed by one of these computers at one time.

a) If this license is used by one person, it gives you the freedom of using a few computers, e.g. using one computer at work, another at home, and even in a coffee shop - anywhere with internet access.

b) If this license is used by a group/lab, up to four users can have access to FlowJo on their own computer but only one at a time. However, they must all use the same portal account, so consider issues such as data privacy between those users, etc.

2. Shared computer: This is very similar to the previous HWA system, where the FlowJo license is tied to one computer only. Then anyone can create a free "portal account"/FlowJo login and use FlowJo on this computer. The drawback with this model is that the computer will be shared so usually is not mobile, e.g. a lab computer workstation.

**How to get a FlowJo license**

The SickKids - UHN Flow Cytometry Facility has extended an invitation to Lunenfeld researchers to join the core facility site license at ~$375 CAD per license.

1. Register for an iLab account with The SickKids - UHN Flow Cytometry Facility:<https://lab.research.sickkids.ca/fcf/registration/>

2. Log into to iLab, go to "Request Services" tab, scroll down to the "Data Analysis", choose "FlowJo Portal License Request", and complete the options.

3. Wait for the flow facility to send a FlowJo invitation to create FlowJo protal account, as well as instructions to transition from HWA serial number to Portal account in the FlowJo software.