

## **DATA SETS NOT REQUIRING IRB REVIEW**

Certain publicly available data sets are available for research purposes without need for an IRB review and determination. This document provides a list of the data sets the Ochsner IRB does not require review of, and guidance about the nature and use of these data sets.

Data sets on the list at the end of this document do not involve “human subjects” (as defined by federal regulations and guidance). Therefore, their use requires neither IRB review nor an exempt determination. Researchers may use these data sets without any involvement of the Ochsner IRB.

### **Are there circumstances where some of these data sets might require IRB review?**

Yes, the following uses of the data sets listed below require prior IRB review or a determination of exempt status:

- Merging data sets in such a way that individuals may be identified.
- Enhancing a data set with identifiable or potentially identifiable data.
- Research that consists of using one or more data sets on this list and also (1) the collection or use of private, identifiable data and/or (2) interactions or interventions with humans.

### **What else is needed for me to start using one of these data sets?**

Generally, a data use agreement (DUA) will be required between the researcher and the owner of the data set. Please contact [OSP@ochsner.org](mailto:OSP@ochsner.org) for further information about obtaining a DUA.

### **What if my journal or collaborator wants documentation of IRB review?**

A copy of this guidance can be provided as documentation that proposed research using a data set listed here does not require IRB review or an exempt determination.

### **What if the dataset I want to work with is not listed here?**

The list is provided as a service to researchers, by identifying data sets that have been determined by the IRB to not require IRB review. It is not intended to be a complete list of all data sets that do not involve human subjects. Researchers are welcome to consult with the IRB about other data sets. Other data sets may be nominated for inclusion on this list by emailing details about the dataset to the IRB office at [irb@ochsner.org](mailto:irb@ochsner.org).

**Data sets whose research does not require IRB review or an exempt determination**

**American College of Surgeons National Trauma Data Bank (NTDB)**

**American Hospital Association Annual Survey**

**Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS; public data only)**

**Comprehensive Hospital Abstract Reporting System (CHARS; public data only)**

**dbGaP (NIH GWAS Database of Genotypes and Phenotypes)**

**Demographic Health Survey (DHS), Standard and Interim Surveys**

**Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS)**

**Health and Retirement Study**

**Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (H-CUP) healthcare databases**

- **The Nationwide Inpatient Sample (NIS)**
- **The Kids Inpatient Database (KID)**
- **The State Inpatient Databases (SID)**
- **The State Ambulatory Surgery Databases (SASD)**
- **The State Emergency Department Databases (SEDD)**

**HIV Prevention Trials Network D01: Vaccine Preparedness Study/Uninfected Protocol Cohort – 4 files**

**Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS)**

- **Household Component Full-Year files**
- **Household Component Event files**
- **Household Component Point-in-time files**
- **Pooled Linkage files**

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**Medicare Healthcare Cost Report Information System (HCRIS)**

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**National Center for Education Statistics**

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**National Center for Health Statistics**

- Life Tables
- LSOAs: Longitudinal Studies of Aging
- NHANES: National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey
- NHCS: National Health Care Survey
- NHIS: National Health Interview Survey
- NIS: National Immunization Survey
- NSFG: National Survey of Family Growth
- SLAITS: State & Local Area Integrated Telephone Survey
- Vital Statistics: National Vital Statistics System

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**National Epidemiological Survey on Alcohol and Related Conditions (NESARC) – Wave 1 & Wave 2**

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**National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NHAMCS)**

- National Longitudinal Survey (NLSY)
- National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1997 (NLSY97) □ National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979 (NLSY79)
- NLSY79 Children and Young Adults
- National Longitudinal Survey of Young Women and Mature Women
- National Longitudinal Survey of Young Men and Mature Men

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**National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs (public version)**

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**National Survey of Children's Health (public version)**

**Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN)**

**Roper Center for Public Opinion Network (OPTN)**

**Survey of Consumer Finances (SCF)**

**U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics**

**U.S. Bureau of the Census**

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