

NIH Data Management and Sharing Policy – Year One

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The NIH's [Data Management and Sharing \(DMS\) Policy](#) has officially been in place for one year. The policy's simply-stated goal, to maximize appropriate data sharing, requires a culture change that is anything but "simple", but we in the NCI's Office of Data Sharing (ODS) have been excited in this first year to find real evidence that much of the cancer community shares this desire. We have spent the year working closely with the community, studying researchers' plans, and engaging stakeholders with a variety of roles in DMS, like cancer investigators, research institutions, NCI program officers and grants management staff. We continue to learn of diverse needs and to hone our efforts to lower barriers and facilitate broad and effective data sharing. These lessons will allow us to enhance existing [resources](#), and to create [new guidelines](#) specific to cancer research. We invite you to contribute to our learning process, whether through participating in the [Federal Demonstration Partnership Project](#), using the [help section](#) at NIH's [data sharing website](#), or sharing your thoughts via a good old-fashioned [email](#) to the ODS mailbox. As we enter this new year, we celebrate how far the community has come already in shifting culture towards more open science. We support each of you in your progress in sharing and in re-using scientific data, and we look forward to working with the full community to achieve broad and collaborative advances in cancer research.

Resources

NIH is looking for volunteers to [test out DMS Plan pilot templates through the Federal Demonstration Partnership](#) to inform a future NIH-wide plan template. If you are interested in participating or know of individuals who might be interested in systematically testing out alpha and bravo pilot templates in comparison to the commonly used [OER template](#), please spread the word.

NCI staff can find additional resources related to the DMS policy implementation at the [NCI Data Sharing Resource Hub](#).

We'd love to hear from you! Contact the ODS team at: nciofficeofdatasharing@mail.nih.gov

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