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Data Sharing Champion

Specialized Programs of Research Excellence (SPOREs)

For more than 30 years, Specialized Programs of Research Excellence, or SPOREs, have been pivotal in advancing translation of science to the clinic. SPOREs are multi-investigator projects focused on a particular cancer organ site or on biologically or thematically related cancers. These grants have been pivotal in promoting collaborative and interdisciplinary translational cancer research, bringing together basic and clinical scientists to work together on projects that can be more rapidly translated to the clinical setting. Making data broadly available to scientists outside of the collaboration further accelerates scientific progress.

The SPORE program has been a leader in the scientific culture change toward broad data sharing. Funding announcements for SPOREs include the statement "It is essential that robust mechanisms be in place for making shared resource data generated by the SPORE readily accessible to research and clinical investigators in the broader scientific community." Application scoring includes a data sharing component, reflecting one of the core aims of the Translational Research Program (TRP), "facilitating the cross-fertilization of ideas, leveraging resources, and ensuring access of resources to projects and investigators to bring discoveries from the laboratory to the clinic in the most efficient manner" ([overview of the TRP, programmatic home of SPORES](#)). Indeed, SPORE grants have been the basis of many datasets in NIH repositories, and it is certain that the scientific community will continue to benefit from shared SPORE data for years to come.

[Read more about SPOREs.](#)

Dataset Spotlight

Each month, the scientific community highlights various cancer subtypes to raise awareness for research and funding. December has no disease highlight, but we have chosen to focus on survivorship research as a positive look forward into the new year. Learn about survivorship research and see a sample list of survivorship data sets NCI offers to researchers!

Policy News

Research investigators working with large-scale human genomic data must submit an Institutional Certification to NIH. You can find information on this important document here, linked from the Data Processes section of the Data Sharing Resource Hub.

The Office of Data Sharing has published the Data Sharing Resource Hub on myNCI to support NCI staff needs. You can find content related to Data Sharing Dashboards, Data Sharing Policies, Data Sharing Processes and more. If there is something you think we should add, please let us know.

Meetings

Happening now:

- Trans-NCI Data Management and Sharing Working Group meeting, Jan 10th at 2 pm hosted by NCI's Office of Data Sharing.

Past meetings:

- The inaugural Data Sharing Symposium hosted by ODS is now available online, additional resources are available by request through ODS
- Human Tumor Atlas Network (HTAN) Data Jamboree, December 4-7, 2023. Meeting material.
- Capturing Cancer Recurrence with Novel Data Linkages. Dec 5, 2023.
- Enhancing Public Access to the Results of Research Supported by the Department of Health and Human Services - A Workshop. Nov 30 to Dec 1, 2023. Meeting material.

Announcements

[Data as a Gift - A Common Theme from NCI's First Office of Data Sharing Symposium](#), inspired by the discussions at the symposium Director Jaime Guidry Auvil reflects on sharing cancer data.
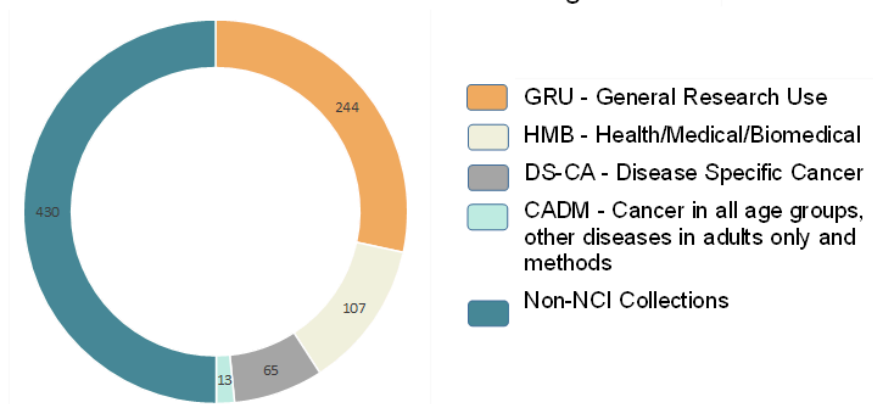
Respond to the latest Request for Information on [automated EHR data entry and extraction capabilities](#) by February 29, 2024.

NIH is looking for volunteers to [test out alpha and bravo 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.

Dr. Jaime M. Guidry Auvil, Director of Office of Data Sharing, NCI, received [HHS Data Excellence Awards for HHS Distinguished Achievement in Federal Data and Policy](#). 2023 HHS Data Excellence Awards Ceremony was held on Dec 5, 2023.

Metrics

NCI datasets available through dbGaP

- GRU - General Research Use
- HMB - Health/Medical/Biomedical
- DS-CA - Disease Specific Cancer
- CADM - Cancer in all age groups, other diseases in adults only and methods
- Non-NCI Collections

244
107
65
13
430

Data Access Requests (DARs)
November 10th – December 11th

266
DARs Approved

1406
PIs Approved

Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Program (SEER)
Research and Research Plus Databases

72
Approved Data Requestors

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