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The NCI Office of Data Sharing (ODS) hosted its 2nd Annual Data Sharing Symposium: Driving Cancer Advances through Impactful Research on October 15-16, 2024, bringing together leading experts from the broad cancer research communities and engaging both in-person and virtual participants. The symposium featured several insightful sessions and showcased many NCI and NIH-supported resources that advance data sharing, management, and storage of diverse data types including:

- A discussion on the “Learning Health System” highlighted how innovative data collection, integration, and sharing are advancing healthcare.
- Panelists in the “Data Reuse Exemplar” session described research utilizing publicly available research data from [TCGA](#), [CPTAC](#), and [DepMap](#) as well as EHR and registry records highlighting benefits and challenges of reusing data for secondary analysis
- The “Explore Technology” session demoed NIH-supported resources; [check out the list of resources](#).

Key messages and takeaways from the symposium:

- In support of worldwide human rights in health and medicine, patients have the right to benefit from their data and any results from biomedical analyses. It's critical to keep cancer patients, survivors and their families and these principles at the forefront of all we do.
- Building a simple framework for biomedical health data is challenging and will require the collaboration of all kinds of stakeholders and views working together to get it right.
- We are living in a digital world and moving towards using technology and tools, including artificial intelligence in new and better ways. We look forward to continuing work across the full healthcare and research community to shape how we leverage innovation to maximize benefits and minimize harms for cancer care.

Coming Soon

We look forward to continued interaction through our upcoming seminar series, future workshop opportunities, and ongoing data management and sharing activities. If you are interested in collaborating with our office on working groups or workshops, [please email us](#).

Recordings from the symposium and an executive summary will be posted in the coming weeks and the links will be shared via email.

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

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