

## ODS Connect January 2025

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## Happy New Year from ODS

Happy New Year from the NCI Office of Data Sharing! This year, we're excited to launch our new quarterly newsletter to NCI colleagues. We'll provide announcements, reminders, seminar series and workshop information, opportunities to get involved, and much more. Don't forget that ODS is also available to provide consultations, support, and resources to those across NCI. Please [email ODS](#) with any questions, we look forward to hearing from you.

## Resources

Are you reviewing a DMS plan or DMS progress report that has you stumped? NCI has a great resource for you. An **NCI-level DMS Expert Panel** was established in 2024, with members appointed from each DOC. The review process is meant to be consultative, attempting to resolve challenging DMS issues at the lowest-complexity level possible. This panel is also the route to request escalation to the NIH Expert Panel when needed.

The following resources are now available to NCI staff:

- [Submission form to request NCI DMS Expert Panel assistance](#)
- [NCI DMS Expert Panel Charter, including list of DOC members](#)

## Quick Bits

The [ODS Data Sharing Resources Hub](#) has a new home, for information on data sharing policies, processes, and available resources.

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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](#).

## ODS Webinar: Navigating Data Access and Best Practices

We are excited to invite you to [NCI's Office of Data Sharing \(ODS\) inaugural webinar](#) on January 15<sup>th</sup>! The goal is to support broad data sharing and reuse that benefits the entire cancer community. This event will cover best practices for accessing controlled data and highlight [updates on the new NIH security guidelines](#), effective January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025. [Register now](#).

Join us as we explore:

- Mission and objectives of Office of Data Sharing (ODS)
- Best practices for requesting controlled-access NCI-supported datasets
- Overview and demo of the Index of NCI Studies (INS)

**Speakers:** Dr. Jaime Guidry Auvil, Dr. Freddie Pruitt, and Mr. Zachary Dorman

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, January 15, 2025, 12:00 – 1:00 PM ET

**Don't miss out!** This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with ODS staff and gain insights into accessing and leveraging data to advance cancer research!

## Announcements



## NIH Updates Public Access Policy for 2024

The NIH Public Access Plan and Draft Public Access Policy outline how NIH intends to accelerate access to scholarly publications, aligning with the government-wide expectation to eliminate the 12-month embargo period before public availability. The 2024 NIH Public Access Policy reflects the expectations set forth in the 2022 OSTP Memorandum on scholarly publications and incorporates public feedback, including comments submitted in response to the NIH Draft Public Access Policy.

- [Read policy notice](#) (NOT-OD-25-047)
- [Supplemental Guidance to the 2024 NIH Public Access Policy: Publication Costs](#) (NOT-OD-25-048)
- [Supplemental Guidance to the 2024 NIH Public Access Policy: Government Use License and Rights](#) (NOT-OD-25-049)

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## NIH Releases Plan for Metadata and Personal Identifiers (PIDs)

In addition to the release of the 2024 Public Access Policy, NIH is also releasing its Plan on Metadata and Personal Identifiers (PIDs) for public comment. The plan outlines how researchers and institutions should be using metadata and PIDs, and also outlines proposed requirements for NIH-supported repositories to collect and make relevant metadata publicly available and searchable.

To view the Plan and provide comments please utilize [the portal](#). Comments will be accepted until **February 21, 2025**.

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**The NIH Office of the Chief Information Officer and the NIH Office of Science Policy are hosting virtual “NIH Community Days”** to discuss security best practices for Approved Users of NIH controlled-access data under the GDS Policy that maintain such data on institutional IT systems and third-party computing infrastructures, ahead of the January 25, 2025, [implementation of updated security standards](#). Join the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for “Community Days” Scheduled for:

- Wednesday, January 8th, 2025 from 10-11am. [Registration](#).
- Friday, January 10th, 2025 from 10-11am. [Registration](#).

**Who Should Attend:** All researchers and their institutional officials who have access to or are planning to request access to use controlled-access genomics data hosted by NIH data repositories ([List of NIH-supported Controlled-Access Repositories](#)).

NIH will provide an overview of the requirements, assist organizations with understanding how they can be compliant with the requirements, and answer any questions users and their institutions have.

We'd love to hear from you! Contact the ODS team at: [ncioofficeofdatasharing@mail.nih.gov](mailto:ncioofficeofdatasharing@mail.nih.gov)

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