

# First in Canada Cosmos Implementation

## An Ottawa Hospital Journey

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**Inspired** by research. **Inspiré** par la recherche.  
**Driven** by compassion. **Guidé** par la compassion.

# Epic Cosmos

Cosmos is a dataset created in collaboration with a community of health systems using Epic and is designed to improve patient care. By combining their data, participating organizations and Epic can make new discoveries and advance medicine. Cosmos also powers tools at the point of care, providing insights to clinicians that are tailored to the patient in front of them.



**1,762**  
Hospitals



**300 Million**  
Patients



**40.7K**  
Clinics



Explore more studies and data insights from Cosmos

on  **Epic Research** →



Big Data  
Research



Look-Alike  
s



Condition-  
Specific  
Growth  
Charts



Best Care  
Choices

← Improve the health and lives of people everywhere →

# Risk Assessment & Approvals

- ✓ 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Assessment
- ✓ Partner / Organizational buy-in
- ✓ Insurance Coverage (HIROC)
- ✓ Agreement
- ✓ Privacy Notice

## Decisions / Assessment

- Truncate postal code to FSA
- Low risk of re-identification
- Benefits balance risk
- Re-assess risk annually



# Cosmos Data Governance



Rules of the Road



Governing Council



User Agreement



No 3<sup>rd</sup> Party +  
Provisioning Controls

Care Everywhere  
secure document  
exchange

## Limited Dataset

- Direct IDs removed
- No free text
- Care Everywhere IDs salted & hashed
- Postal Codes truncated to FSA

– Privacy Impact Assessment  
RA – Threat Risk Assessment

## SlicerDicer

- Aggregate counts
- Cell sizes < 11 masked
- Organizations suppressed

No data export. Must request to export research artifacts.

## De-identified Data

- Data science platform
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Expert Determination
- Date shifting
- Geography & Organizations suppressed

Within our Epic Instance

Within Cosmos

# Timeline

## Risk Assessment & Approvals

When: Fall 2023 – Fall 2024

Who: Privacy, Legal, 3<sup>rd</sup> Party, Leadership

**Decision Tracker**

## Data Mapping

When: Jan – May 2025

Who: Application Team + SMEs

**May 23  
Cosmos live**

## Pilot Projects

When: Jun – Dec, 2025

Who: Analytics, Research Institute

## Point of Care Tools

When: September 2025 (v May 25)

Who: Application Team, Digital Education

## Broader Rollout

When: November 2025+

Who: Analytics, Digital Education, Communications

# Pilot Projects



## Partnership with OHRI

Selection committee  
Data scientists



## Support model

Super Users (1:10 ratio)  
Data Architects  
Data Scientists



## Streamlining REB process

**Go  
Canada!**

Cosmos community welcomes  
Canada!



# Appendix





# References

## 1. Overview of Cosmos

Includes

- Governance and Cosmos Rules of the Road
- Cosmos at the point of care
- Using Cosmos for research

## 2. Cosmos Security and Privacy