



NOTE: Things that make for faster access to data:

- Provide AHS with ICD codes to identify the cohort to link and deidentify to study specifications.
- Request the least amount of data to address your research questions.
- Releasing data for sizable portions of the population may not be approved.
- Align all your data source dates to have a complete cohort.
- Data collected during the pandemic can be sensitive. Speak to an AbSPORU data analyst if you are requesting Covid or other potentially sensitive data (e.g. potentially identifying patients or providers)
- For extracting conditions, consider diagnosis codes, test or lab result formats, medication details (dose, frequency, start-stop dates).
- It is the researcher's responsibility to ensure that their data request aligns with ethical standards, data privacy, and security requirements.
- The researcher must ensure that the custodian is willing and able to provide the requested data on the desired timeline before submission of a grant proposal, research contract or similar.
- It is not the custodian's responsibility to make data available to the researcher. See "Health Research data access" for more information.