Outline for Research Proposals Linking USRDS Data with another Dataset

Email your request to [USRDS@niddk.nih.gov](mailto:USRDS@niddk.nih.gov) and include all required documents; be sure to include the PI on the email. The USRDS does not accept DocuSign, documents must be sent in PDF or Word. Please indicate “USRDS DUA Request” in the subject line of the e-mail.

1. Research title
2. Submission date
3. PI name
4. Funding Source (if NIH, provide grant number)
5. DUA # (if submission is an amendment, otherwise N/A)
6. Background information
7. Study design
   1. Objectives
   2. Hypothesis(es)

# Data for linkage (linkages are only performed on the ESRD database)

# Your data source;

# Identifiers you will be sending to USRDS to be used in the linkage

* 1. Analytical methods – Include how the USRDS data will be used to fulfill your objectives

1. Privacy Issues

# Explain if your data source patient consent allows for such a merge. Include a statement or explanation about your patient consent process or why patient consent could not be obtained.

* 1. IRB approval

1. Data being requested
   1. List of Standard Analytical Files needed
      * + **Please specify years required where applicable;**
        + **Include a specific justification for each dataset checked on the DUA;**
        + Note, if you are requesting data prior to 2000 you must include additional justification why these years are necessary for your research.
   2. Description of data security (Please do not attach security plan, put all relevant information in the proposal
      * + Physical security of the computers or servers (locked building, locked room);
        + System controls to limit access to the data;
        + Antivirus software;
        + Organizational firewall;
        + Organizational computer security plan;
        + Computers automatically lock with inactivity;
        + Individuals have their own login
   3. Include this exact statement in your proposal

'The USRDS data will be destroyed at the end of the project'.

1. IRB clearance or waiver (REQUIRED)
2. A signed USRDS Merged Dataset Agreement for Release of Data, the blank DUA can be found here:

<https://www.niddk.nih.gov/about-niddk/strategic-plans-reports/usrds/for-researchers/merged-data-requests>

1. Contact information for principal investigator, analysts & anyone accessing the data. We do not accept yahoo, gmail, msn etc., email address, addresses must be related to your institution:
   1. Name
   2. Affiliation
   3. Business address
   4. Business phone number
   5. Email address

# Submit your proposal:

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