

Outline for Research Proposals Linking USRDS Data with another Dataset

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1. Research title and submission date
2. PI name
3. Funding Source (if NIH, provide grant number)
4. DUA # (if this submission is a DUA amendment)
5. Background information
6. Study design
   1. Objectives
   2. Hypothesis(es)

# Description of data linkage – data source, variables to be used in linkage; linkages are only performed on the ESRD database

* 1. Analytical methods

1. Privacy Issues

# Statement describing that patient consent allows such a merge or a statement why patient consent could not be obtained.

* 1. IRB clearance (REQUIRED)

1. Data being requested
   1. List of Standard Analytical Files needed (**please specify years required**); **include brief justification for each dataset**. 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: responsible party, computer access, etc.
   3. Timeframe for the project
   4. Include this statement 'The USRDS data will be destroyed at the end of the project'.
2. A signed Merged Dataset Agreement for Release of Data, template can be found here:

<https://www.usrds.org/for-researchers/merged-data-requests/>

1. Investigator information for principal investigator, analysts & anyone accessing the data, supply:
   1. Name
   2. Affiliation
   3. Business address
   4. Business phone number
   5. Email address

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