

Outline for Research Proposals Linking USRDS Data with another Dataset

- I. Research topic and submission date
- II. Background information
- III. Study design
 - a. Objectives
 - b. Hypothesis(es)
 - c. Description of data linkage – variables to be used in linkage**
 - d. Analytical methods
- IV. Privacy Issues
 - a. **Statement describing that patient consent allows such a merge or a statement why patient consent could not be obtained**
 - b. IRB clearance or waiver (REQUIRED)
- V. Data being requested
 - a. List of Standard Analytical Files (SAFs) needed, e.g. Core, Transplant, 2015-2016 ESRD Institutional Claims
 - i. Include brief justification for each SAF
 - ii. For claims SAFs, please specify years required
 - a. Description of data security: responsible party, computer access, etc.
 - b. Timeframe for the project
 - c. Statement that data will be returned to the USRDS or destroyed at the end of the project
- VI. Signed Merged Dataset Agreement for Release of Data:
https://www.usrds.org/2018/appx/2018_USRDS_Merged_Dataset_Agreement_for_Release_of_Data.pdf
- VII. Investigator information for principal investigator and co-authors, supply:
 - a. Name
 - b. Affiliation
 - c. Business address
 - d. Business phone number
 - e. Business fax number
 - f. Email address

Submit your proposal:

Email your request to USRDS@usrds.org, attaching all required documents. Please indicate “USRDS DUA Request” in the subject line of the e-mail.