

## Outline for Research Proposals Using USRDS Data

- I. Research topic and submission date
- II. Background information
- III. Study design
  - a. Objectives
  - b. Hypothesis(es)
  - c. Analytical methods(Note if this is a data linkage request – use this outline:  
[http://www.usrds.org/2018/appx/3/Outline\\_for\\_Research\\_Proposals\\_Using\\_Merged\\_USRDS\\_Data.pdf](http://www.usrds.org/2018/appx/3/Outline_for_Research_Proposals_Using_Merged_USRDS_Data.pdf) )
- IV. 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
  - b. Description of data security: responsible party, computer access, etc.
  - c. Timeframe for the project
  - d. Statement that data will be returned to the USRDS or destroyed at the end of the project
- V. IRB clearance or waiver (REQUIRED)
- VI. Signed Agreement for Release of Data:  
[https://www.usrds.org/2018/appx/2018\\_USRDS\\_Agreement\\_For\\_Release\\_of\\_Data.pdf](https://www.usrds.org/2018/appx/2018_USRDS_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](mailto:USRDS@usrds.org), attaching all required documents. Please indicate “USRDS DUA Request” in the subject line of the e-mail.