IQVIA Human Data Science Research Collaborative
Research in the era of COVID-19 FAQ

Why is the IQVIA Institute launching this research collaborative and making the offer to waive data access fees now?

The recent COVID-19 worldwide pandemic has created both immediate and long-term consequences for people and health systems around the world. IQVIA is joining the fight against COVID-19 by collaborating with the world's leading academic researchers to support COVID-19 research activities related to health system issues. By waiving data access fees, we can help accelerate evidence-based, COVID-19 related learning.

What kind of public sharing of the research findings do you have in mind?

We want to encourage rapid dissemination of research findings – quicker than conventional academic research – given the urgency with which the broader impacts on health systems need to be understood. While peer-reviewed publications are fast-tracking much COVID-19 related research, there may be other outlets for researchers to use in order to get research results into the public domain as quickly as possible. Publication options could include blog postings, perspective pieces, webinars, or other forms of virtual dissemination.

What type of research is not permissible under the terms of this research collaboration?

The intent of this research collaborative is to study the impact of COVID-19 on healthcare systems. Any research directly related to the clinical characteristics of COVID-19, such as treatment options, transmission rates, and/or outcomes, is considered out of scope. We believe those topics are adequately covered by a large amount of ongoing research supported by other entities. Additionally, research funded by non-academic organizations, either commercial or non-profit, will not be supported by this program.

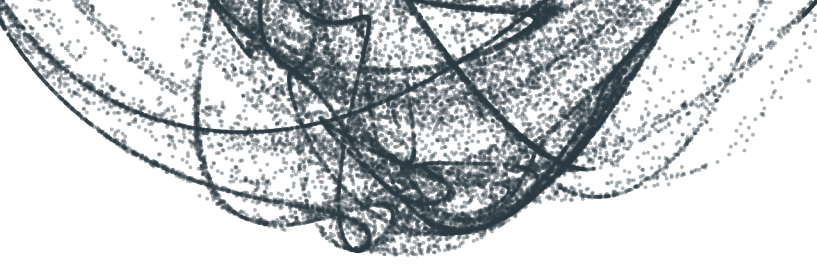**Can I collaborate with academics from other institutions on research under this program?**

Yes, we encourage collaboration among academics, both in undertaking research jointly and sharing and discussing research findings. The lead investigator will have responsibility for the appropriate use of the data for the approved research purposes in the event that other academics are involved.

Can I keep the accessed data and use it for other purposes, e.g., for grad students to work with?

No, under this program, data can only be used for the approved research activities and must be destroyed or returned at the completion of the research project. If researchers have interest in accessing IQVIA data for other purposes, please refer to our standard request process and contact us.

Is there a limit to the number of academic researchers or research topics that this program will support?

This program is not limited to a specific number of researchers or topics, but our overall capacity to support researchers is limited. Early expressions of interest are encouraged.

Who will have the formal ownership of the research results when completed? The IQVIA Institute or the researcher?

Ownership of any research findings, either published or otherwise, resides with the primary investigator.

The time period for waiving data access fees expires at the end of October 2020. What happens if the research project is not completed at that date?

Researchers can *access* data through the end of October for approved projects; however, the research itself does not need to be completed by that time.

Will the IQVIA Institute request review of research findings before they are made public?

Yes, as part of our customary engagement process, the IQVIA Institute will require review of any research findings prior to public disclosure. This is done to ensure appropriate use and proper attribution of IQVIA data assets. The review is not an approval of research findings, which remain the responsibility of the researcher.

Will the IQVIA Institute provide technical support to the execution of the research project in terms of accessing, understanding and utilizing the datasets?

Yes, IQVIA and the IQVIA Institute will provide support, including training, for both data technology platforms (E360™, SMART) and for any data offering specific questions. We want to ensure that our data assets are fully understood by those using it.

Will it be possible to download data from E360™ and SMART?

The option to download data will only be available through the SMART platform. Access to claims data in E360™ is limited to analytics options only without the ability to download underlying data.

What safeguards are in place to ensure patient privacy and adherence to HIPAA regulations?

Please refer to the [IQVIA corporate privacy policy](#) for details.