Patient withdrawal from Data for Decisions

I have read and understood this information sheet. By withdrawing, I understand that this general practice will stop releasing my de-identified clinical data to The University of Melbourne for its Data for Decisions research program. I understand that under the Australian Privacy Act (1988), the University of Melbourne can retain and use non-identifiable health information that has already been collected. For more information I can contact the Department of General Practice and Primary Care, The University of Melbourne: (03) 8344 3392.

Once completed please return this form to your GP or to the practice reception.

_____   _____
First Name   Surname

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Address

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                            Date of Birth

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Signature   Date

How can I get more information?

If you would like to know more about the Data for Decisions program or the Patron database, or if you have any concerns or questions about the project and its associated research, you can speak to your doctor, the practice manager of the GP practice or contact Data for Decisions at the Department of General Practice and Primary Care at The University of Melbourne.

Information about the research projects using data from Patron is available on the University website.

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What is Data for Decisions?

This general practice is taking part in a University of Melbourne research initiative called Data for Decisions. We provide the university with non-identifiable (sometimes called 'de-identified') information from patients' general practice records. General practices are being invited to contribute. By combining de-identified information (data) from thousands of patients, researchers can learn more about the safety of medicines, patterns of disease in the community, and how medicines are prescribed.

What information is gathered?

The de-identified data that is gathered includes information about immunisations, medicines prescribed, illnesses, pathology and radiology results, measurements such as height, weight and blood pressure and lifestyle factors, such as tobacco smoking.

What are the benefits of the research program?

This initiative is helping researchers, medical educators, doctors and other decision-makers to respond to important health and health system questions. Sharing de-identified information helps health professionals and the wider community know more about the use of medications and the outcomes of disease or treatment. It will also help in the training of medical students.

Your privacy and data security

No researcher will have access to your name, address, initials or your full date of birth. None of your personal details or details identifying your GP are provided to researchers. The de-identified information is stored in a database within a secure server at The University of Melbourne (Patron). The information is not openly available nor stored in an off-shore server.

Who will have access to the de-identified data?

Researchers involved in this research program may be from different kinds of organisations, for example universities, government bodies or commercial companies. No one can access the database without first meeting the University's strict rules around ethics, privacy and handling of the data.

Must my de-identified records be included?

Individual patients have the right not to take part. If you do not want your de-identified medical records to be used for this research program, let your doctor or the practice manager know. Or, you can withdraw later at any time. If you receive care from a number of general practices, and if any of those practices are part of the Data for Decisions program, you will need to lodge a withdrawal at each participating practice. Withdrawal from the project will NOT affect the direct care that you receive from your doctor.