Invitation for Data for Decisions partner practices

Evaluation of automated de-identification of general practice free text data

The Data for Decisions (D4D) team are undertaking a study to improve the de-identification methods we use.

We also want to test how de-identification methods will work on progress notes and pathology test results. We do not currently extract these fields in your regular GRANITE® data extraction.

Invitation
We are seeking consent to extract de-identified progress notes and pathology test results in addition to your usual D4D extraction, just for this study.

Sharing these additional fields with us is once-only and optional.

Your practice will not be asked to do anything further, but we will tell you about outcomes of the study.

The research team will be testing sophisticated methods so that progress notes and pathology test results can be meaningfully de-identified and used for research in ways that will not compromise patient or practitioner privacy.

Why get involved?
If researchers can access these additional data fields then that can lead to a huge expansion to the scope of useful research that can be undertaken as part of the Data for Decisions research initiative, in areas such as adolescent health and family violence.

Practice eligibility
- Use of Best Practice or Zedmed clinical software.
- Participation or willingness to participate in Data for Decisions is a prerequisite.

Ethics and governance
The researchers have ethics and independent Patron Data Governance Committee approvals to access the additional data fields from consenting practices.

As is the case with all D4D-related projects, no practices, practitioners, staff or patients will be identifiable to the researchers looking at the data.

Ethics approval ID: 2057196

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About us
This is a University of Melbourne data quality improvement study.
The Data for Decisions team is collaborating with a specialist data analytics group (MDAP) to undertake this work.

This work is not funded by any external party and your data stays de-identified and secure at all times.

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Information & consent form
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