Invitation to become a Data for Decisions partner

Creating knowledge from primary care data through research

Data for Decisions (D4D) makes possible data-driven research to increase knowledge and improve healthcare practice and policy

What is Data for Decisions?
The D4D research initiative partners with general practice to increase primary care research capacity and its evidence-base. We do this by extracting de-identified data from the electronic medical record (EMR) which we store in the secure Patron data repository at the University of Melbourne.

How does D4D work?
Data from the EMR is de-identified and encrypted at the practice before being securely deposited in the Patron primary care data repository. Researchers with ethics and independent Patron Data Governance Committee approvals apply to access relevant data.

How D4D contributes to research
Data use includes benchmarking, quality improvement and epidemiological studies and evaluation of primary care-related trials.

Why get involved?
Your practice will be contributing to research that aims to understand general practice activity and improve practice and patient outcomes.You may also have the opportunity to expand the scope of your practice by participating in trials and other studies, and to boost your practice's reputation in your local community. All projects using Patron data are listed on the Data for Decisions website and findings are shared via newsletter links.

Practice eligibility
Use of Best Practice, Zedmed or Medical Director (not cloud-based) clinical software. A practice computer to install University of Melbourne GRHANITE® data extraction software

About us
Data for Decisions is a Department of General Practice and Primary Care, Melbourne Medical School initiative in partnership with primary care providers, managers and consumer representatives

The independent Data Governance Committee members include GPs, practice managers, consumers and researchers.
Data for Decisions is not for profit.

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