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Consent to Participate for General Practices


Data for Decisions and the Patron Program of Research

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1. I consent to this practice participating in Data for Decisions and the Patron program of research, the details of which have been explained to me.
2. I have read the Information for General Practices provided to me and a written copy has been provided to me to keep. I have had the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the study and have received adequate information to inform my decision for the practice to participate.
3. I understand that only de-identified and anonymised information shall ever be released as part of research findings.
4. I understand that commercial entities may apply to access Patron data or may provide funding to researchers to undertake research. A condition of the latter is that researchers retain the right to publish research findings regardless of the outcome of the study.
Turn over for consent options.
5. I understand that I have the option for my (our) general practice to be named on the Data for Decisions website as a partner in the *Data for Decisions* research initiative and therefore acknowledged as contributing de-identified data to the Patron primary care data repository. I understand that I can change this preference at any time by contacting the researchers. *Turn over for consent options.*
6. I acknowledge that:
 - a. The practice is free to withdraw from Data for Decisions and the Patron program of work at any time without explanation or prejudice. An at least annual newsletter shall be distributed to practices to ensure on-going knowledge in relation to the program. Non-identifiable clinical information extracted from the practice's clinical software program prior to receiving a notification of intent to withdraw from the program of work will be retained by Patron.
 - b. The program of work is for the purpose of teaching and research.
 - c. I have been informed that the confidentiality of the information I provide will be safeguarded subject to any legal requirements.

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Practice name/stamp: <i>If opting for the practice to be named on the Data for Decisions website, please include the practice name, address and URL as you wish them to be publicly viewed.</i>	
Name of Authorised Person, Practice Principal/Medical Director/CEO (1):	
Signed:	Date:
Name of Practice Principal etc (2):	
Signed:	Date:
Name of Practice Principal etc (3):	
Signed:	Date:

Consent Options (Please mark each as appropriate)

- a. **I do** **I do not** (mark as appropriate) agree for data from my practice to be accessed by commercial entities.
Note: Only de-identified and anonymised information shall ever be released i.e. practice and provider information shall not be released.
- b. **I do** **I do not** (mark as appropriate) agree for data from my practice to be utilised by researchers undertaking research funded or partially funded by commercial entities.
Note: Only de-identified and anonymised information shall ever be released as part of research findings.
- c. **I do** **I do not** (mark as appropriate) agree for the above named practice to be named (acknowledged) on the *Data for Decisions* website as a partner in the Data for Decisions research initiative.
Note: Public naming will increase public transparency about the research initiative which might result in some members of the public seeking more information about the research program and your practice's participation in the research program. Researchers who access de-identified information do not know the name or location of the practice from which the data originated. By agreeing to acknowledge your practice on the Data for Decisions website, this could increase the identifiability of this practice to researchers.