



Ohio Department of Health  
Data User Agreement for Researcher Access to Ohio Cancer Incidence Surveillance System Data

- A. Must be completed by the person requesting access to Ohio Cancer Incidence Surveillance System data.
- Every individual authorized to access Ohio Cancer Incidence Surveillance System (OCISS) data holds a position of trust relative to this information and must recognize the responsibilities entrusted to him/her in preserving security and confidentiality of this information. OCISS data, including information that could be used to identify an individual and his or her health status, is considered confidential information. Confidentiality requirements that apply to these data include, but are not limited to, Ohio Revised Code Section 3701.17. The inappropriate actions of an authorized user of OCISS data may threaten the security and confidentiality of this information. Persons provided access to OCISS data shall know, understand, and adhere to the following requirements:
1. I will only use these data for the purposes outlined in the protocol submitted to, and approved by, the Ohio Department of Health Institutional Review Board (ODH IRB).
  2. I will not release or allow access to these data, in full or in part, to any other person(s).
  3. I will not attempt to link de-identified OCISS data to individually identified records in another database, file, or information source unless it is a part of the protocol submitted to, and approved by, the ODH IRB.
  4. I will not attempt to contact any cancer cases from these data unless it is a part of the protocol submitted to, and approved by, the ODH IRB.
  5. I will not present or publish these data in a manner in which any individual can be identified. I will adhere to ODH's Disclosure Limitation Standard: <https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/explore-data-and-stats/irb-small-cell-size-policy>. I will not present or publish point maps showing residences of cancer cases.
  6. I will include the following acknowledgement and disclaimer in any report, publication or presentation that uses these data: "Cancer incidence data used in these analyses were obtained from the Ohio Cancer Incidence Surveillance System (OCISS), Ohio Department of Health (ODH), a cancer registry partially supported by the National Program of Cancer Registries at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) through Cooperative Agreement Number NU58DP007097. Use of these data does not imply that ODH or CDC agrees or disagrees with the analyses, interpretations, or conclusions in this report (or publication/presentation)."
  7. I will send a copy of any report, publication, or presentation that uses these data to OCISS at the time of release.
  8. I will report any violations of this data user agreement (DUA) to the Principal Investigator and OCISS immediately.
  9. I understand that authorization for access to OCISS data terminates when my employment is terminated or when access to the data is not required for my work-related responsibilities.
  10. I understand that this DUA is contingent upon ODH IRB approval and my access to OCISS data is in accordance with the dates for which ODH IRB approval is in effect.

I have read and will comply with the above requirements.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Facility/Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

- B. Must be completed by the Principal Investigator for the project for which OCISS data are being requested.
- The person requesting access to OCISS data is either employed by, contracted by, or otherwise performing work at my request and needs to access OCISS data to perform his/her work. I understand that this person is responsible for following the above guidelines for assuring proper access and use of OCISS data. I will notify OCISS immediately if this person is no longer employed at this Facility/Institution or no longer needs access to OCISS data for any work-related responsibilities.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Facility/Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

- C. Return this data user agreement to the Ohio Department of Health:
- By mail: Ohio Incidence Surveillance System (OCISS), Ohio Department of Health, 246 N. High Street, Columbus, OH 43215 or by email: [OCISS@odh.ohio.gov](mailto:OCISS@odh.ohio.gov). Please contact OCISS with questions at (614) 752-2689 or [OCISS@odh.ohio.gov](mailto:OCISS@odh.ohio.gov).

For ODH Use Only: IRB Protocol Number: \_\_\_\_\_ IRB Approval Date \_\_\_\_\_

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