

Outline for Research Proposals Linking USRDS Data with another Dataset

- I. Research topic and submission date
- II. Background information
- III. Study design
 - a. Objectives
 - b. Hypothesis(es)
 - c. **Description of data linkage – variables to be used in linkage**
 - d. Analytical methods
- IV. Privacy Issues
 - a. **Statement describing that patient consent allows such a merge or a statement why patient consent could not be obtained.**
 - b. IRB clearance (REQUIRED)
- V. Data being requested
 - a. List of Standard Analytical Files needed (please specify years required; include brief justification for each dataset)
 - b. Description of data security: responsible party, computer access, etc.
 - c. Time-frame for the project
 - d. Statement that data will be returned to the USRDS or destroyed at the end of the project.
- VI. Signed Merged Dataset Agreement for Release of Data:
<http://www.usrds.org/media/1264/usrds-agreement-for-release-of-data-merged-dataset.pdf>
- VII. Investigator information for principal investigator and co-authors, supply:
 - a. Name
 - b. Affiliation
 - c. Business address
 - d. Business phone number
 - e. Business fax number
 - f. Email address
- VIII. **Submit your proposal:**
Email your request to usrds@usrds.org, attaching all required documents. Please indicate “USRDS DUA Request” in the subject line of the e-mail.