

**American Psychiatric Institute for Research and Education  
Practice Research Network  
Components of a Data Use Agreement Application**

**Overview**

Consistent with APIRE policy as described in the [American Psychiatric Institute for Research and Education, Practice Research Network Data Use Agreement Policy](#), investigators who wish to use PRN data must first submit a brief (2-3 pages) written proposal so that APIRE staff can ascertain whether the requested data are appropriate for the proposed analyses, and determine which type of Data Use Agreement (DUA)—Collaborative, External, or Educational—is most appropriate for the proposed work.

Applications should be submitted electronically. All investigators are strongly encouraged to contact [Dr. Eve Mościcki](#), PRN Director, or a collaborating APIRE scientist if one has been identified, early in the application process. Applicants should be aware that PRN data sets are complex and require a relatively high level of technical expertise for appropriate analyses; PRN staff are typically not available to provide extensive technical assistance.

**Components of an Application for Use of PRN Data**

1. Principal investigator and relevant contact information, including e-mail address.
2. Title of proposed analyses.
3. Brief description of the purpose and specific aims of the proposed analyses.
4. PRN data set to be used in the proposed analyses and data file specification. Data are available in SAS or as a SAS transport file. Data sets currently available for analyses include:
  - 2002 National Survey of Psychiatric Practice (NSPP)
  - 1998 National Survey of Psychiatric Practice (NSPP)
  - 1996 National Survey of Psychiatric Practice (NSPP)
  - 1999 Study of Psychiatric Patients and Treatments (SPPT)
  - 1997 Study of Psychiatric Patients and Treatments (SPPT)
  - National Study of Medicaid and Medicare Psychopharmacologic Treatment Access and Continuity
5. Potential impact of the proposed work. Include a brief summary of related research and indicate how the proposed analyses will add to the health services research knowledge base. How will patient care benefit from the knowledge to be gained? What will we learn that we don't already know?

6. Description of the analytic strategy to be employed. The proposed analyses should clearly map on to the Specific Aims. The description should include 1) a list of the data elements to be used; 2) an analytic plan describing the specific analyses to be performed; 3) a brief description of the statistical packages to be used for analysis; and 4) a brief description of any other data sources to be used.
7. Timeline for completion of planned analyses.
8. Plans for dissemination/publication of findings, including scientific communications such as articles in peer-reviewed journals, abstracts for scientific meetings, book chapters, etc.
9. A list of proposed co-investigators/collaborators, with a brief description of their areas of expertise.

### **Review Criteria**

Review of applications for Collaborative DUAs will include the following criteria:

1. Scientific merit;
2. Clinical and public health significance;
3. Feasibility, including the appropriateness of the data for the proposed analyses and the capability of the proposed DUA study team to carry out the analyses;
4. The extent to which the topic is consistent with the PRN's mission and research agenda.

Review of applications for External DUAs will include the following criteria:

1. Scientific merit;
2. Feasibility, including the appropriateness of the data for the proposed analyses and the capability of the proposed DUA study team to carry out the analyses.