

### What is research using secondary data?

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Secondary data research is a type of research that involves the re-analysis of existing data/biospecimens (i.e., collected for other purposes, research or non-research) to answer new research questions. If the data is de-identified or publicly available, it generally is not considered human subjects research (HSR) requiring IRB review.

### Does your project fall under the definition of human subjects research?

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To determine if your study qualifies as HSR, use the following tools:

[Identifying Human Subject Research](#)

[IRB Guide for Secondary Use of Data](#)

[Quality Assurance vs. Human Subject Research Flowchart](#)

### Submit your project to the IRB:

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- Refer to the [How To Submit Your Study For IRB Approval](#) guide
- Submit to the [eIRB+ system](#)

### Where to find clinical data sources:

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- [Clinical & Research Data Warehouse](#)
- [Rutgers Libraries](#)
- Partner hospital Epic EHR Medical Records (See Section 5 below)

### How to Access Partner Hospital Epic Data:

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To obtain permission from UH - Newark and/or RWJBH to collect Epic data, see the IRB's [Performance Site guidance](#).

If a data use agreement is required, submit a Document Review record within [RAPSS](#)