

# Using DISER for Your Research Project

(Diabetes Infrastructure for Surveillance, Evaluation, and Research)

## What can DISER do?



**Extracts:**  
Pull relevant data for your research project

**Joins:**  
Combine an existing dataset with DISER data (using Personal Health Numbers to join data)

## How Do I Use DISER?

### 1 Plan Your Research Project

For any research project, investigators are encouraged to seek Consultation & Research Services expertise from the [Alberta SPOR SUPPORT Unit](#)



### 2 Get Health Research Ethics Board (HREB) Approval

**HREBA** | Health Research Ethics Board of Alberta



### 3 Acquire Data Disclosure Agreement (DDA)

AHS Health Systems Access (HSA) will contact you to sign a Data Disclosure Agreement (DDA) to give you access to the data.

[research.administration@ahs.ca](mailto:research.administration@ahs.ca)



### 4 Contact AHS Data & Analytics

Contact AHS Data & Analytics (formerly DIMR) to acquire a Request Management Tool (RMT) form.

[dimr.intake@ahs.ca](mailto:dimr.intake@ahs.ca)

Following submission of the RMT, an analyst will be assigned to you if you do not already have one.

The analyst will help you to identify your data needs and document it in a Data Disclosure Schedule (DDS)



### 5 Analyst to Extract Requested Data

The analyst will pull the data, de-identify (if needed), and negotiate data use from the repository owners on your behalf\*\*.

\*\*Practitioner Claims and PIN are owned by Alberta Health, and research access needs to be approved by Alberta Health.

### 6 Conduct Your Research Project!

