



NCRI Data Sharing Policy

The NCRI member organisations agree the following:

- Publicly funded research data should be openly available to the maximum extent possible¹ unless appropriate consent or ethical approval have not been gained, the confidentiality of study participants can not be safeguarded, or there are IP issues that are of concern to a potential or existing commercial partner
- In the long-term, all cancer-related research applications should include a data sharing strategy and NCRI Partners will implement this in a step-wise fashion over the coming academic sessions
- Data should be shared in a timely and responsible fashion
- NCRI Partner Organisations recognise that there may be a cost to allow data management that enables sharing
- NCRI Partner Organisations will provide applicants with advice on how to develop a data sharing strategy and recommend that applicants use data use agreements to govern the use of their data
- NCRI Partner Organisations will assess the validity of data sharing strategies and monitor their progress as part of their normal review mechanisms

¹ The OECD paper states: As a general principle, publicly funded research data should be as open as possible and available at the lowest possible access cost, subject only to legitimate restriction and considerations. Restrictions may be necessary for reasons of national security, for the protection of privacy of citizens, or the confidentiality of trade secrets. Access to research may be limited by the respect for private intellectual property rights. Finally, there may be reasons for granting temporary exclusive access to those who collected the data. But the guiding principle should be openness.