

# The 2024 CRDSA Summit

The Patient Data Revolution: From Promise to Realization

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## Session 2: Standards for Secondary Use Research and Data Contribution

This session opens the public comment period for CRDSA's new draft standards and will provide an overview of the contents and scope of each document.



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# The need for standards



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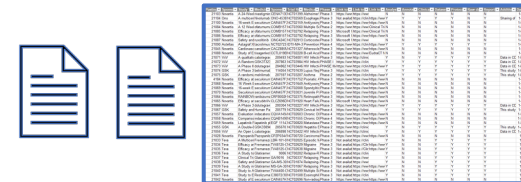
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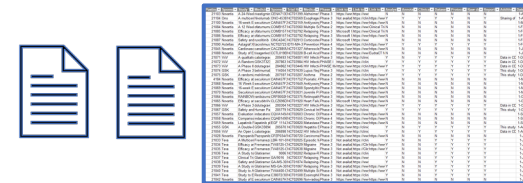
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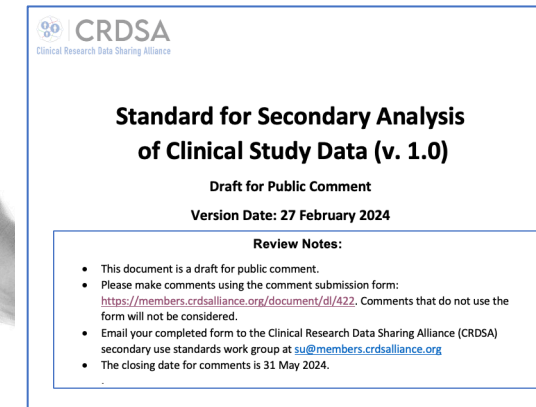
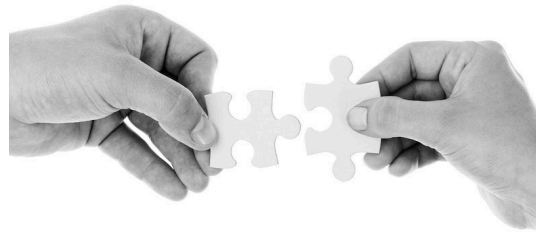
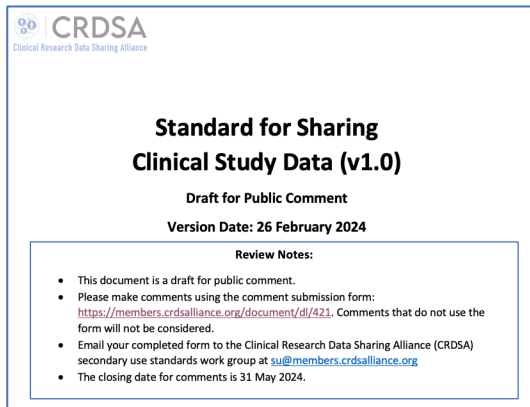


## Current State

- Data sharing and research planning may be time-consuming
- Analyses may be found not to be feasible after data is provided
- Analysis errors can be made

# Why are standards needed?

## Data Sharing and Secondary Analysis Standards work together to enable good science



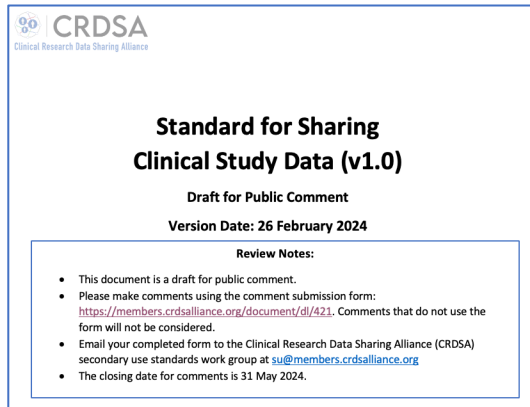
How to share individual patient data  
(IPD) from clinical studies

How to use contributed IPD  
in secondary research

# Scope, structure, and content overview



# Data Sharing Standard - Scope



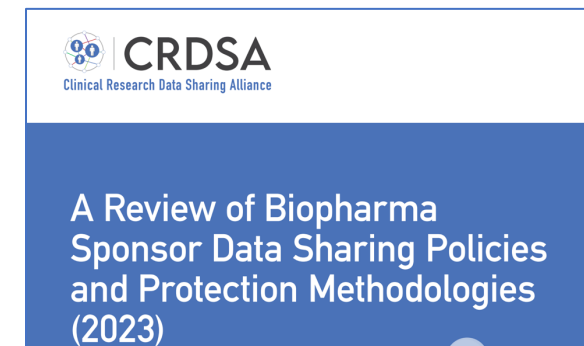
- Includes sharing individual patient data from interventional clinical studies conducted in patients and non-interventional clinical studies using patient data
- Focus is on the data and meta-data to be provided
- This version of the standard does not include:
  - What studies are to be shared
  - When studies are to be shared
  - How access is to be provided
- Based on CRDSA expertise and CRDSA research – for example:

## Establishing a Basis for Secondary Use Standards for Clinical Trials

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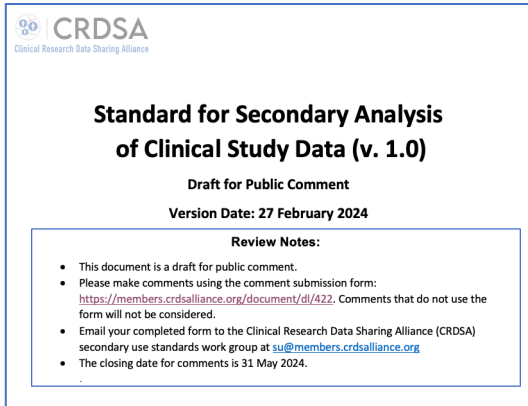
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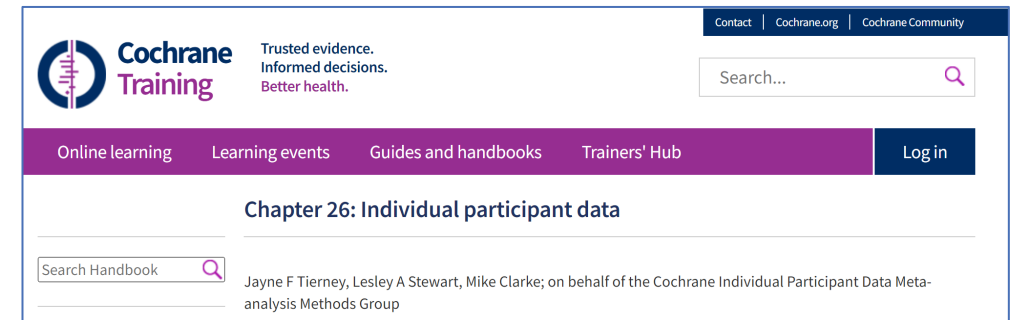




# Secondary Analysis Standard - Scope



- Includes secondary analyses of interventional clinical trials conducted in patients and non-interventional clinical studies using patient data
- Includes planning, conducting and reporting secondary analyses
- Does not include details of statistical methods and analyses
- Based on CRDSA expertise and external publications – for example:



## Principles (requirements)

### PLAN

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#### Best Practices

- Published literature and information available on data sharing platforms/study registries about ongoing studies and analyses should be reviewed to identify gaps in knowledge or areas where further investigation is needed. The research questions that have been addressed in previous studies and the limitations of these studies should be considered. Areas where there may be conflicting or inconclusive findings, or where further investigation is needed to confirm or extend previous findings, should be identified.
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The principles and criteria may not be applicable for every study that is shared or every analysis that is conducted- a checklist is provided where any deviations or exceptions from the principles/criteria for a shared study or analysis can be explained



## Checklist (for case-by-case exceptions)

PLAN		Yes/No/NA	NA Explanation
RESEARCH QUESTION	Is there a documented and well-defined research question and/or hypothesis that is testable using clinical trial data?		
STUDIES	Have studies that include the required data been objectively identified and assessed using predefined criteria?		
TEAM	Does the team have statistical expertise and experience in clinical trial data analysis as shown by statistical qualifications and previous analyses of clinical study data?		
	Does the team include the expertise and skill sets needed to navigate clinical study documents and fully understand the relationship of study designs to the intended analysis as shown by formal training and/or previous research?		
	Does the team include expertise to manage the types of datasets being accessed and use the relevant software as shown by formal training and/or previous research?		
	Does the team include specific expertise relevant for the analysis (e.g., MedDRA expertise for analysis of safety) as evidenced by formal training and/or previous research?		
SAP	Is there a prespecified statistical analysis plan (SAP) dated before the analysis was conducted? Does the SAP include all of the following? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The questions and hypotheses being addressed</li><li>Effect measure of interest (e.g., for inferential studies: odds ratio, risk or rate ratio, risk or rate difference, absolute difference)</li><li>The populations and variables to be analyzed, including details of any subjects and data that will be included and excluded</li></ul>		

## Data Sharing Standard

- Datasets to be shared
- Supporting documentation and meta-data to be shared
- Data transformation report
- When supporting documentation is to be shared

## Secondary Analysis Standard

- Plan
- Conduct
- Report

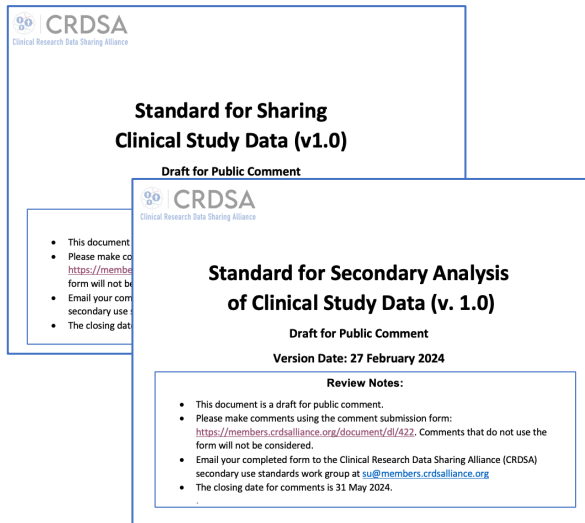
# Adoption



The standards can be adopted by data sharing platforms, funders, research institutions, and scientific journals.

When adopting a CRDSA standard, the organization incorporates the principles into their policy (the organization governs compliance with the policy), for example:

*“Organization X adopts the CRDSA Standard and requires data contributors/researchers to follow the principles and complete the checklist in the CRDSA Standard”*



# How to provide comments



# How you can provide comments



- The draft standards will be available for public comment at: <https://crdsalliance.org/resources/#sus>
- Webinars to discuss the contents in more detail have been scheduled. Register through the links provided in the summit resources or by going to <https://crdsalliance.org/news-events/>
- Please make comments using the comment submission form (linked in the draft documents)

CRDSA Secondary Analysis Standard: Comment Template					
Submit to the CRDSA Standards Work Group at: <a href="mailto:su@members.crdsalliance.org">su@members.crdsalliance.org</a>					
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- Email your completed form to the CRDSA secondary use standards work group at [su@members.crdsalliance.org](mailto:su@members.crdsalliance.org)
- The closing date for comments is 31 May 2024.



# Q&A





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## Thank you!

For additional resources and  
information, please visit:

<https://crdsalliance.org/resources>

