

ANZDATA Conditions of Release of Data

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ANZDATA provide data extracts to external groups for analysis under a series of conditions. Each request is considered on its merits by the ANZDATA Executive, using the criteria set out in the guidelines for data release.

Datasets provided for analysis are deidentified (i.e. names and personal identifiers are removed). In general, a specific data extract is created for each request, limited to the data needed to perform the analyses on the population requested. Guidelines about application for data are available from the website. In general, groups requesting analysis datasets need to demonstrate capacity to perform appropriate statistical analysis, and also have access to appropriate nephrological advice to interpret results. In most cases this will be achieved by the inclusion of nephrologists from contributing units as part of collaborations.

Conditions of use of data

Data is released to specific people for specific projects; use for other projects beyond the scope of the original application or release to other people or groups is not permitted without prior ANZDATA approval.

Security of the data is the responsibility of the researcher. It should be maintained in a secure computer storage facility.

No attempt should be made to re-identify the data.

Acknowledgement

If data from ANZDATA is the primary source for a report or publication, a copy of this publication should be sent to ANZDATA. It is a condition of use of ANZDATA that the source of the data is acknowledged, along with a statement that the analysis and interpretation are those of the author, not ANZDATA. (see Attribution of Publications below)

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Attribution of Publications

The policy on attribution of publications which incorporate ANZDATA sourced data was revised during 2002, following a period of consultation with participating physicians.

Where a member of a participating unit has analysed data provided by ANZDATA and subsequently prepared a manuscript, then "ANZDATA Registry" should be acknowledged as a secondary institution in addition to the author's Hospital or University. This applies whether the primary data analysis is performed by the author or by ANZDATA staff. Where the author is an ANZDATA office holder or staff member then the primary attribution should be "ANZDATA Registry".

Where ANZDATA data is only a minor portion of the work, then it may be more appropriate to acknowledge the source explicitly in the "Acknowledgements" section.

In both cases the disclaimer below should be included.

The data reported here have been supplied by the Australia and New Zealand Dialysis and Transplant Registry. The interpretation and reporting of these data are the responsibility of the Editors and in no way should be seen as an official policy or interpretation of the Australia and New Zealand Dialysis and Transplant Registry.

In all cases the source and treatment of the data should be made clear in the "Methods" section. Preferably the abstract (and keywords if applicable) should also include "ANZDATA" which would allow for searching Registry publications.