

# **SURVEILLANCE, EPIDEMIOLOGY, AND END RESULTS PROGRAM**

## **Data-Use Agreement for the 1973-2015 SEER Research Data File**

### **November 2017 Data Submission**

It is of utmost importance to protect the identities of cancer patients. Every effort has been made to exclude identifying information on individual patients from the computer files. Certain demographic information — such as sex, race, etc. — has been included for research purposes. All research results must be presented or published in a manner that ensures that no individual can be identified. In addition, there must be no attempt either to identify individuals from any computer file or to link with a computer file containing patient identifiers.

**In order for the Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Program to provide access to its Research Data File to you, it is necessary that you agree to the following provisions.**

- 1) I will not use—or permit others to use—the data in any way other than for statistical reporting and analysis for research purposes. I must notify the SEER Program if I discover that there has been any other use of the data.
- 2) I will not present or publish data in which an individual patient can be identified. I will not publish any information on an individual patient, including any information generated on an individual case by the case listing session of SEER\*Stat. In addition, I will avoid publication of statistics for very small groups.
- 3) I will not attempt either to link – or permit others to link – the data with individual level records in another database.
- 4) I will not attempt to learn the identity of any patient whose cancer data is contained in the supplied file(s).
- 5) If I inadvertently discover the identity of any patient, then
  - a) I will make no use of this knowledge,
  - b) I will notify the SEER Program of the incident, and
  - c) I will inform no one else of the discovered identity.
- 6) I will not either release—or permit others to release—the data—in full or in part—to any person except with the written approval of the SEER Program. In particular, all members of a research team who have access to the data must sign this data-use agreement.
- 7) I will use appropriate safeguards to prevent use or disclosure of the information other than as provided for by this data-use agreement. If accessing the data from a centralized location on a time sharing computer system or LAN with SEER\*Stat or another statistical package, I will not share my logon name or password with any other individuals. I will also not allow any other individuals to use my computer account after I have logged on with my logon name and password.
- 8) For all software provided by the SEER Program, I will not copy it, distribute it, reverse engineer it, profit from its sale or use, or incorporate it in any other software system.
- 9) I will cite the source of information in all publications. The appropriate citation is associated with the data file used. (Please see either Suggested Citations on the SEER\*Stat Help menu or the Readme.txt associated with the ASCII text version of the SEER data.)

My signature indicates that I agree to comply with the above stated provisions.