

SEER*Transfer – Frequently Asked Questions

<https://seer.cancer.gov/seerdms/portal/seertransfer>

What is SEER*Transfer?

The SEER*Transfer software supports the secure transmission of data between a reporting facility and the central cancer registry. It is available to central cancer registries that use the SEER Data Management System (SEER*DMS) to support their registry operations. SEER*Transfer is a conduit for data transmissions between the facility and the central registry; data are not housed or accessed from within SEER*Transfer.

What is SEER*DMS?

The SEER Data Management System (SEER*DMS) is a data management system used by more than 20 central cancer registries. SEER*DMS supports the data processing needs of a central cancer registry – importing, editing, matching linking, consolidating, and reporting.

How does SEER*Transfer work?

SEER*Transfer supports manual uploads and automated transfers via a REST API. It is a web-based system that uses TLS for secure communications. Multifactor authentication is required for user authentication.

Transferred data are not stored in SEER*Transfer, the data are immediately forwarded to the registry instance of SEER*DMS. SEER*Transfer is hosted within the same FISMA security authorization boundary as the registry's instance of SEER*DMS.

Is there a cost?

There is no cost to reporting facilities.

Does the hospital need to install or maintain any software?

No. Hospital staff will be provided a SEER*Transfer account. They will login to their central cancer registry's instance of SEER*Transfer. The user accounts are maintained by registry management.

Does SEER*Transfer support automated data transfers?

Yes. SEER*Transfer supports automated transfers via a REST API. The SEER*Transfer technical team will provide information to the hospital's IT staff to configure automated transfers.

SEER*Transfer also supports manual uploads.

What is IMS's relationship with the registry?

IMS provides IT support to central cancer registries. IMS developed and now maintains an instance of SEER*DMS and SEER*Transfer in a separate computing environment for each registry.

IMS provides computing support to the central registry as part of an IMS-Registry agreement. This agreement specifies that IMS may only access the registry's data for the purpose of providing support to the registry for their use of SEER*DMS and SEER*Transfer.

Who should SEER*Transfer users contact if they have a problem?

Contact the central registry. The registry manager or their representative will provide support and manage your hospital's SEER*Transfer accounts.