

ATTACHMENT 6b

NCI Systems of Records Federal Register Notice

09-25-0200 [SYSTEMS LISTING](#)

SYSTEM NAME:

Clinical, Basic and Population-based Research Studies of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), HHS/NIH/OD.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

None.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Records are located at NIH and Contractor research facilities which collect or provide research data for this system. Contractors may include, but are not limited to: Research centers, clinics, hospitals, universities, medical schools, research institutions/foundations, national associations, commercial organizations, collaborating State and Federal Government agencies, and coordinating centers. A current list of sites, including the address of any Federal Records Center where records from this system may be stored, is available by writing to the appropriate Coordinator listed under Notification Procedure.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Adults and/or children who are the subjects of clinical, basic, or population-based research studies of the NIH. Individuals with disease. Individuals who are representative of the general population or of special groups including, but not limited to: normal controls, normal volunteers, family members and relatives; providers of services (e.g., health care and social work); health care professionals and educators, and demographic sub-groups as applicable, such as age, sex, ethnicity, race, occupation, geographic location; and groups exposed to real and/or hypothesized risks (e.g., exposure to biohazardous microbial agents).

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

The system contains data about individuals as relevant to a particular research study. Examples include, but are not limited to: name, study identification number, address, relevant telephone numbers, social security number (voluntary), driver's license number, date of birth, weight, height, sex, race; medical, psychological and dental information, laboratory and diagnostic testing results; registries; social, economic and demographic data; health services utilization; insurance and hospital cost data, employers, conditions of the work environment, exposure to hazardous substances/compounds; information pertaining to stored biologic specimens (including blood, urine, tissue and genetic materials), characteristics and activities of health care providers and educators and trainers (including curricula vitae); and associated correspondence.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

"Research and Investigation," "Appointment and Authority of the Directors of the National Research Institutes," "National Cancer Institute," "National Eye Institute," "National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute," "National Institute on Aging," "National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism," "National Institute on Allergy and Infectious Diseases," "National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases," "National Institute of Child Health and Human Development," "National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders," "National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research," "National Institute of Diabetes, and Digestive and Kidney Diseases," "National Institute of Drug Abuse," "National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences," "National Institute of Mental Health," "National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke," and the "National Human Genome Research Institute" of the Public Health Service Act. (42 U.S.C. 241, 242, 248, 281, 282, 284, 285a, 285b, 285c, 285d, 285e, 285f, 285g, 285h, 285i, 285j, 285l, 285m, 285n, 285o, 285p, 285q, 287, 287b, 287c, 289a, 289c, and 44 U.S.C. 3101.)

PURPOSE(S):

To document, track, monitor and evaluate NIH clinical, basic, and population-based research activities.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

1. A record may be disclosed for a research purpose, when the Department: (A) has determined that the use or disclosure does not violate legal or policy limitations under which the record was provided, collected, or obtained; e.g., disclosure of alcohol or drug abuse patient records will be made only in accordance with the restrictions of confidentiality statutes and regulations 42 U.S.C. 241, 42 U.S.C. 290dd-2, 42 CFR Part 2, and where applicable, no disclosures will be made inconsistent with an authorization of confidentiality under 42 U.S.C. 241 and 42 CFR Part 2a; (B) has determined that the research purpose (1) cannot be reasonably accomplished unless the record is provided in individually identifiable form, and (2) warrants the risk to the privacy of the individual that additional exposure of the record might bring; (C) has required the recipient to (1) establish reasonable administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to prevent unauthorized use or disclosure of the record, (2) remove or destroy the information that identifies the individual at the earliest time at which removal or destruction can be accomplished consistent with the purpose of the research project, unless the recipient has presented adequate justification of a research or health nature for retaining such information, and (3) make no further use or disclosure of the record except (a) in emergency circumstances affecting the health or safety of any individual, (b) for use in another research project, under these same conditions, and with written authorization of the Department, (c) for disclosure to a properly identified person for the purpose of an audit related to the research project, if information that would enable research subjects to be

identified is removed or destroyed at the earliest opportunity consistent with the purpose of the audit, or (d) when required by law; and (D) has secured a written statement attesting to the recipient's understanding of, and willingness to abide by, these provisions.

2. Disclosure may be made to a Member of Congress or to a Congressional staff member in response to an inquiry of the Congressional office made at the written request of the constituent about whom the record is maintained.
3. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) may disclose information from this system of records to the Department of Justice when: (a) The agency or any component thereof; or (b) any employee of the agency in his or her official capacity where the Department of Justice has agreed to represent the employee; or (c) the United States Government, is a party to litigation or has an interest in such litigation, and by careful review, the agency determines that the records are both relevant and necessary to the litigation and the use of such records by the Department of Justice is, therefore, deemed by the agency to be for a purpose that is compatible with the purpose for which the agency collected the records.
4. Disclosure may be made to agency contractors, grantees, experts, consultants, collaborating researchers, or volunteers who have been engaged by the agency to assist in the performance of a service related to this system of records and who need to have access to the records in order to perform the activity. Recipients shall be required to comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(m).
5. Information from this system may be disclosed to Federal agencies, State agencies (including the Motor Vehicle Administration and State vital statistics offices, private agencies, and other third parties (such as current or prior employers, acquaintances, relatives), when necessary to obtain information on morbidity and mortality experiences and to locate individuals for follow-up studies. Social security numbers, date of birth and other identifiers may be disclosed: (1) to the National Center for Health Statistics to ascertain vital status through the National Death Index; (2) to the Health Care Financing Agency to ascertain morbidities; and (3) to the Social Security Administration to ascertain disabilities and/or location of participants. Social security numbers may also be given to other Federal agencies, and State and local agencies when necessary to locating individuals for participation in follow-up studies.
6. Medical information may be disclosed in identifiable form to tumor registries for maintenance of health statistics, e.g., for use in research studies.
7. PHS may inform the sexual and/or needle-sharing partner(s) of a subject individual who is infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) of their exposure to HIV, under the following circumstances: (1) The information has been obtained in the course of clinical activities at PHS facilities carried out by PHS personnel or contractors; (2) The PHS employee or contractor has made

reasonable efforts to counsel and encourage the subject individual to provide the information to the individual's sexual or needle-sharing partner(s); (3) The PHS employee or contractor determines that the subject individual is unlikely to provide the information to the sexual or needle-sharing partner(s) or that the provision of such information cannot reasonably be verified; and (4) The notification of the partner(s) is made, whenever possible, by the subject individual's physician or by a professional counselor and shall follow standard counseling practices.

PHS may disclose information to State or local public health departments, to assist in the notification of the subject individual's sexual and/or needle-sharing partner(s), or in the verification that the subject individual has notified such sexual or needle-sharing partner(s).

8. Certain diseases and conditions, including infectious diseases, may be reported to appropriate representatives of State or Federal Government as required by State or Federal law.
9. Disclosure may be made to authorized organizations which provide health services to subject individuals or provide third-party reimbursement or fiscal intermediary functions, for the purpose of planning for or providing such services, billing or collecting third-party reimbursements.
10. The Secretary may disclose information to organizations deemed qualified to carry out quality assessment, medical audits or utilization reviews.
11. Disclosure may be made for the purpose of reporting child, elder or spousal abuse or neglect or any other type of abuse or neglect as required by State or Federal law.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Records may be stored on index cards, file folders, computer tapes and disks (including optical disks), photography media, microfiche, microfilm, and audio and video tapes. For certain studies, factual data with study code numbers are stored on computer tape or disk, while the key to personal identifiers is stored separately, without factual data, in paper/computer files.

RETRIEVABILITY:

During data collection stages and follow-up, retrieval is by personal identifier (e.g., name, social security number, medical record or study identification number, etc.). During the data analysis stage, data are normally retrieved by the variables of interest (e.g., diagnosis, age, occupation).

SAFEGUARDS:

1. **Authorized Users:** Access to identifiers and to link files is strictly limited to the authorized personnel whose duties require such access. Procedures for determining authorized access to identified data are established as appropriate for each location. Personnel, including contractor personnel, who may be so authorized include those directly involved in data collection and in the design of research studies, e.g., interviewers and interviewer supervisors; project managers; and statisticians involved in designing sampling plans. Other one-time and special access by other employees is granted on a need-to-know basis as specifically authorized by the system manager. Researchers authorized to conduct research on biologic specimens will typically access the system through the use of encrypted identifiers sufficient to link individuals with records in such a manner that does not compromise confidentiality of the individual.
2. **Physical Safeguards:** Records are either stored in locked rooms during off-duty hours, locked file cabinets, and/or secured computer facilities. For certain studies, personal identifiers and link files are separated and stored in locked files. Computer data access is limited through the use of key words known only to authorized personnel.
3. **Procedural Safeguards:** Collection and maintenance of data is consistent with legislation and regulations in the protection of human subjects, informed consent, confidentiality, and confidentiality specific to drug and alcohol abuse patients where these apply. When anonymous data is provided to research scientists for analysis, study numbers which can be matched to personal identifiers will be eliminated, scrambled, or replaced by the agency or contractor with random numbers which cannot be matched. Contractors who maintain records in this system are instructed to make no further disclosure of the records. Privacy Act requirements are specifically included in contracts for survey and research activities related to this system. The OHS project directors, contract officers, and project officers oversee compliance with these requirements. Personnel having access are trained in Privacy Act requirements. Depending upon the sensitivity of the information in the record, additional safeguard measures may be employed.
4. **Implementation Guidelines:** These practices are in compliance with the standards of Chapter 45-13 of the HHS General Administration Manual, "Safeguarding Records Contained in Systems of Records," supplementary Chapter PHS hf: 45-13, and the HHS Automated Information Systems Security Program Handbook.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Records are retained and disposed of under the authority of the NIH Records Control Schedule contained in NIH Manual Chapter [1743](#), Appendix 1B "Keeping and Destroying Records" (HHS Records Management Manual, Appendix B-361), item 3000-G-3, which allows records to be kept as long as they are useful in scientific research. Collaborative Perinatal Project records are retained in accordance with item

3000-G-4, which does not allow records to be destroyed. Refer to the NIH Manual Chapter for specific conditions on disposal or retention instructions.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS(ES):

See Appendix I for a listing of current System Managers. This system is for use by all NIH Institutes and Centers.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

To determine if a record exists, write to the appropriate IC Privacy Act Coordinator listed below. In cases where the requester knows specifically which System Manager to contact, he or she may contact the System Manager directly (See Appendix I). Notification requests should include: individual's name; current address; date of birth; date, place and nature of participation in specific research study; name of individual or organization administering the research study (if known); name or description of the research study (if known); address at the time of participation; and in specific cases, a notarized statement (some highly sensitive systems require two witnesses attesting to the individual's identity). A requester must verify his or her identity by providing either a notarization of the request or by submitting a written certification that the is who he or she claims to be and understands that the knowing and willful request for acquisition of a record pertaining to an individual under false pretenses is a criminal offense under the Act, subject to a five thousand dollar fine.

Individuals will be granted direct access to their medical records unless the System Manager determines that such access is likely to have an adverse effect (i.e., could cause harm) on the individual. In such cases when the System Manager has determined that the nature of the record information requires medical interpretation, the subject of the record shall be requested to designate, in writing, a responsible representative who will be willing to review the record and inform the subject individual of its contents at the representative's discretion. The representative may be a physician, other health professional, or other responsible individual. In this case, the medical/dental record will be sent to the designated representative. Individuals will be informed in writing if the record is sent to the representative. This same procedure will apply in cases where a parent or guardian requests notification of, or access to, a child's or incompetent person's medical record. The parent or guardian must also verify (provide adequate documentation) their relationship to the child or incompetent person as well as his or her own identity to prove their relationship.

If the requester does not know which Institute or Center Privacy Act Coordinator to contact for notification purposes, he or she may contact directly the NIH Privacy Act Officer at the following address: NIH Privacy Act Officer, Office of Management Assessment, 6011 Executive Blvd., Room 601L, Rockville, MD 20852.

NIH Privacy Act Coordinators

Associate Director for Disease Prevention, Office of the Director (OD), Building 1, Room 260, 1 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Privacy Act Coordinator, Clinical Center (CC), Building 10, Room 1N208, 10 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Privacy Act Coordinator, National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM), Building 31, Room 2B11, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892-2182.

Privacy Act Coordinator, National Cancer Institute (NCI), Building 31, Room 10A34, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Privacy Act Coordinator, National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD), Democracy Plaza II, Room 800, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892-5465.

Privacy Act Coordinator, National Center for Research Resources (NCRR), Rockledge I, Room 5140, 6705 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Privacy Act Coordinator, National Eye Institute (NEI), Building 31, Room 6A32, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892-2510.

Privacy Act Coordinator, National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI), Building 10, 3C710, 10 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Privacy Act Coordinator, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), Building 31, Room 5A33, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Privacy Act Coordinator, National Institute on Aging (NIA), Gateway Building 31, Room 2C234, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Privacy Act Coordinator, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), Willco Building, Room 400, 6000 Executive Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892-7003.

Privacy Act Coordinator, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), 6700-B Rockledge Drive, Room 2143, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Privacy Act Coordinator, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS), Natcher Building, Room 5AS49, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Privacy Act Coordinator, National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB), Building 31, Room 1B37, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892-2077.

Privacy Act Coordinator, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), Building 31, Room 2A11, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Privacy Act Coordinator, Office of Extramural Affairs, National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Room 3158, Bethesda, MD 20892-9547.

Privacy Act Coordinator, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD), Building 31, Room 3C02, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Privacy Act Coordinator, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR), Natcher Building, Room 4AS25, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892-6401.

Privacy Act Coordinator, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Disease (NIDDK), Building 31, Room 9A47, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Privacy Act Coordinator, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), P.O. Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

Privacy Act Coordinator, National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS), Natcher Building, Room 2AN32, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Privacy Act Coordinator, National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Room 8102, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Privacy Act Coordinator, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), Building 31, Room 8A33, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Privacy Act Coordinator, National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR), Rockledge II, Room 710, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURE:

Same as Notification Procedures. Requesters should reasonably specify the record contents being sought. An individual may also request an accounting of disclosures of his/her record, if any.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURE:

Contact the appropriate official at the address specified under Notification Procedure, and reasonably identify the record, specify the information being contested, and state corrective action sought, with supporting information to show how the record is inaccurate, incomplete, untimely, or irrelevant.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

The system contains information obtained directly from the subject individual by interview (face-to-face or telephone), written questionnaire, or by other tests, recording devices or observations, consistent with legislation and regulation regarding informed consent and protection of human subjects. Information is also obtained from other sources, including but not limited to: referring medical physicians, mental health/alcohol/drug abuse or other health care providers; hospitals; organizations providing biological specimens; relatives; guardians; schools; and clinical medical research records.

SYSTEMS EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:

None.

Appendix I: System Manager(s) and Address(es)

Associate Director for Disease Prevention, Office of the Director (OD), Building 1, Room 260, 1 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Computer Systems Analyst, Division of Cancer Treatment and Diagnosis, National Cancer Institute (NCI), Executive Plaza North, Room 344, 6130 Executive Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892.

American Burkitt's Lymphoma Registry, Division of Cancer Etiology, National Cancer Institute (NCI), Executive Plaza North, Suite 434, 6130 Executive Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Chief, Genetic Epidemiology Branch, Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics, National Cancer Institute (NCI), Executive Plaza South, Room 7122, 6120 Executive Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892-7236.

Program Director, Research Resources, Biological Carcinogenesis Branch, Division of Cancer Etiology, National Cancer Institute (NCI), Executive Plaza North, Room 540, 6130 Executive Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Chief, Environmental Epidemiology Branch, Division of Cancer Etiology, National Cancer Institute (NCI), Executive Plaza North, Room 443, 6130 Executive Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Associate Director, Surveillance Program, Division of Cancer Prevention, National Cancer Institute (NCI), Executive Plaza North, Room 343K, 6130 Executive Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Head, Biostatistics and Data Management Section, Center for Cancer Research, National Cancer Institute (NCI), Building 6116, Room 702, 6116 Executive Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Chief, Clinical Research Branch, Center for Cancer Research, Frederick Cancer Research and Development Center, National Cancer Institute (NCI), 501 W. 7th Street, Room 3, Frederick, MD 21702.

Deputy Branch Chief, Navy Hospital, NCI-Naval Medical Oncology Branch, Center for Cancer Research, National Cancer Institute (NCI), Building 8, Room 5101, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Chief, Pharmaceutical Management Branch, Cancer Therapy Evaluation Program, Division of Cancer Treatment and Diagnosis, National Cancer Institute (NCI), Executive Plaza North, Room 804, 6130 Executive Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Director, Extramural Clinical Studies, Frederick Cancer Research and Development Center, National Cancer Institute (NCI), Fort Detrick, Frederick, MD 21702.

Clinical Operations Manager, National Eye Institute (NEI), Building 10, Room 10S224, 10 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Director, Division of Biometry and Epidemiology, National Eye Institute (NEI), Building 31, Room 6A52, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Associate Director, Office of Clinical Affairs, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), Building 10, Room 8C104, 10 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892-1754.

Senior Scientific Advisor, Office of the Director, Division of Epidemiology and Clinical Applications, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), Federal Building, Room 220, 7550 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Chief Laboratory of Epidemiology, Demography and Biometry, National Institute on Aging (NIA), Gateway Building, Room 3C309, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Chief, Research Resources Branch, Intramural Research Program, National Institute on Aging (NIA), 5600 Nathan Shock Drive, Baltimore, MD 21224.

Clinical Director, National Institute on Aging (NIA), 5600 Nathan Shock Drive, Baltimore, MD 21224.

Deputy Director, Division of Biometry and Epidemiology, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), Willco Building, Room 514, 6000 Executive Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892-7003.

Deputy Director, Division of Clinical and Prevention Research, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), Willco Building, Room 505, 6000 Executive Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892-7003.

Chief, Respiratory Viruses Section, Laboratory of Infectious Diseases, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), Building 7, Room 106, 7 Memorial Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Chief, Hepatitis Virus Section, Laboratory of Infectious Diseases, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), Building 7, Room 202, 7 Memorial Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Chief, Biometry Branch, Division of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), 6700-B Rockledge Drive, Room 3120, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Clinical Director, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS), Building 10, Room 9S205, 10 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Chief, Contracts Management Branch, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), Executive Plaza North, Room 7A07, 6130 Executive Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Director of Intramural Research, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD), Building 31, Room 3C02, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Chief, Scientific Programs Branch, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD), Executive Plaza South, Room 400C, 6120 Executive Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892-7180.

Clinical Director, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR), Building 10, Room 1N117, 10 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892-1191.

Chief, Scientific Review Branch, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR), Building 10, Room 1N117, 10 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892-1191.

Research Psychologist, Gene Therapy and Therapeutics Branch, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR), Building 10, Room 1N105, 10 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892-1190.

Chief, Clinical Investigations, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), Building 10, Room 9N222, 10 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Chief, Phoenix Clinical Research Section, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), Phoenix Area Indian Hospital, Room 541, 4212 North 16th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85016.

Chief, Diabetes Research Section, Division of Diabetes, Endocrinology, and Metabolic Diseases, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Disease (NIDDK), Natcher Building, Room 5AN18G, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892-6600.

Privacy Act Coordinator, Office of Extramural Affairs, National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), 6001 Executive Boulevard, Room 3158, Bethesda, MD 20892-9547.

Chief, Epidemiology Branch, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), P.O. Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

Director, Intramural Research Program, National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), Building 10, Room 4N224, 10 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Privacy Act Coordinator, National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), Neuroscience Center, Room 8102, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20982.

Privacy Act Coordinator, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), Building 31, Room 8A33, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Chief, Epilepsy Branch, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Suite 2110, Bethesda, MD 20892-9523.

Assistant Director, Clinical Neurosciences Program, Division of Intramural Research, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), Building 10, Room 5N234, 10 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Acting Chief, Laboratory of Central Nervous Systems Studies, Intramural Research Program, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), Building 36, Room 4A21, 36 Convent Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892-4123.

Clinical Director, National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI), Building 10, Room 10C101D, 10 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Deputy Director, Division of Extramural Research, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), Neuroscience Center, Room 3307, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Director, Office of Clinical and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Extramural Research and Training, Democracy Plaza II, Room 401, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892-5475.

Privacy Act Coordinator, National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB), Building 31, Room 1B37, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892-2077.

Privacy Act Coordinator, National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD), Democracy Plaza II, Room 800, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892-5465.

09-25-0156 [SYSTEMS LISTING](#)

SYSTEM NAME:

Records of Participants in Programs and Respondents in Surveys Used to Evaluate Programs of the Public Health Service, HHS/PHS/NIH/OD.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

None.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

This system of records is an umbrella system comprising separate sets of records located either in the organizations responsible for conducting evaluations or at the sites of programs or activities under evaluation. Locations include Public Health Service (PHS) facilities, or facilities of contractors of the PHS. Write to the appropriate System manager below for a list of current locations.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Individuals covered by this system are those who provide information or opinions that are useful in evaluating programs or activities of the PHS other persons who have participated in or benefitted from PHS programs or activities; or other persons included in evaluation studies for purposes of comparison. Such individuals may include (1) participants in research studies; (2) applicants for and recipients of grants, fellowships, traineeships or other awards; (3) employees, experts and consultants; (4) members of advisory committees; (5) other researchers, health care professionals, or individuals who have or are at risk of developing diseases or conditions studied by PHS; (6) persons who provide feedback about the value or usefulness of information they receive about PHS programs, activities or research results; (7) persons who have received Doctorate level degrees from U.S. institutions; (8) persons who have worked or studied at U.S. institutions that receive(d) institutional support from PHS.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

This umbrella system of records covers a varying number of separate sets of records used in different evaluation studies. The categories of records in each set depend on the type of program being evaluated and the specific purpose of the evaluation. In general, the records contain two types of information: (1) information identifying subject individuals, and (2) information which enables PHS to evaluate its programs and services.

1. Identifying information usually consists of a name and address, but it might also include a patient identification number, grant number, social security number, or other identifying number as appropriate to the particular group included in an evaluation study.

2. Information used for evaluation varies according to the program evaluated. Categories of evaluative information include personal data and medical data on participants in clinical and research programs; personal data, publications, professional achievements and career history of researchers; and opinions and other information received directly from individuals in evaluation surveys and studies of PHS programs.

The system does not include any master list, index or other central means of identifying all individuals whose records are included in the various sets of records covered by the system.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

Authority for this system comes from the authorities regarding the establishment of the National Institutes of Health, its general authority to conduct and fund research and to provide training assistance, and its general authority to maintain records in connection with these and its other functions (42 U.S.C. 203, 241, 2891-1 and 44 U.S.C. 3101), and Section 301 and 493 of the Public Health Service Act.

PURPOSE(S):

This system supports evaluation of the policies, programs, organization, methods, materials, activities or services used by PHS in fulfilling its legislated mandate for (1) conduct and support of biomedical research into the causes, prevention and cure of diseases; (2) support for training of research investigators; (3) communication of biomedical information.

This system is not used to make any determination affecting the rights, benefits or privileges of any individual.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

1. Disclosure may be made to HHS contractors and collaborating researchers, organizations, and State and local officials for the purpose of conducting evaluation studies or collecting, aggregating, processing or analyzing records used in evaluation studies. The recipients are required to protect the confidentiality of such records.
2. Disclosure may be made to organizations deemed qualified by the Secretary to carry out quality assessments, medical audits or utilization review.
3. Disclosure may be made to a congressional office from the record of an individual in response to an inquiry from the congressional office made at the request of that individual.
4. The Department may disclose information from this system of records to the Department of Justice, to court or other tribunal, or to another party before such

tribunal, when a) HHS, or any component thereof; or b) any HHS employee in his or her official capacity; or c) any HHS employee in his or her individual capacity where the Department of Justice (or HHS, where it is authorized to do so) has agreed to represent the employee; or d) the United States or any agency thereof where HHS or any of its components, is a party to litigation or has an interest in such litigation, and HHS determines that the use of such records by the Department of Justice, the tribunal, or the other party is relevant and necessary to the litigation and would help in the effective representation of the governmental party, provided, however, that in each case, HHS determines that such disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the records were collected.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Data may be stored in file folders, bound notebooks, or computer-accessible media (e.g., magnetic tapes, disks, cartridges, CD-ROMs, etc.).

RETRIEVABILITY:

Information is retrieved by name and/or participant identification number within each evaluation study. There is no central collection of records in this system, and no central means of identifying individuals whose records are included in the separate sets of records that are maintained for particular evaluation studies.

SAFEGUARDS:

A variety of safeguards are implemented for the various sets of records in this system according to the sensitivity of the data each set contains. Information already in the public domain, such as titles and dates of publications, is not restricted. However, sensitive information, such as personal or medical history or individually identified opinions, is protected according to its level of sensitivity. Records derived from other systems of records will be safeguarded at a level at least as stringent as that required in the original systems. Minimal safeguards for the protection of information which is not available to the general public include the following:

1. **Authorized Users:** Regular access to information in a given set of records is limited to PHS or to contractor employees who are conducting, reviewing or contributing to a specific evaluation study. Other access is granted only on a case-by-case basis, consistent with the restrictions required by the Privacy Act (e.g., when disclosure is required by the Freedom of Information Act), as authorized by the system manager or designated responsible official.
2. **Physical Safeguards:** Records are stored in closed or locked containers, in areas which are not accessible to unauthorized users, and in facilities which are locked when not in use. Records collected in each evaluation project are maintained separately from those of other projects. Sensitive records are not left exposed to

unauthorized persons at any time. Sensitive data in machine-readable form may be encrypted.

3. Procedural Safeguards: Access to records is controlled by responsible employees and is granted only to authorized individuals whose identities are properly verified. Data stored in mainframe computers is accessed only through the use of keywords known only to authorized personnel. When personal computers are used, magnetic media (e.g. diskettes, CD-ROMs, etc.) are protected as under Physical Safeguards. When data is stored within a personal computer (i.e., on a "hard disk"), the machine itself is treated as though it were a record, or records, under Physical Safeguards. Contracts for operation of this system of records require protection of the records in accordance with these safeguards; PHS project and contracting officers monitor contractor compliance.

These practices are in compliance with the standards of Chapter 45-13 of the HHS General Administration Manual, "Safeguarding Records Contained in Systems of Records," supplementary Chapter PHS hf: 45-13, and the HHS Automated Information Systems Security Program Handbook.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Records are retained and disposed of under the authority of the NIH Records Control Schedule contained in NIH Manual Chapter [1743](#), Appendix 1 - "Keeping and Destroying Records" (HHS Records Management Manual, Appendix B-361), item 1100-C-2. Refer to the NIH Manual Chapter for specific disposition instructions.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS(ES):

See Appendix I.

Policy coordination for this system is provided by: Acting Director, Office of Reports and Analysis, Office of Extramural Research, Office of the Director (OD), Building 1, Room 252, 1 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

To determine if a record exists, write to the official of the organization responsible for the evaluation, as listed in Appendix II. If you are not certain which component of PHS was responsible for the evaluation study, or if you believe there are records about you in several components of PHS, write to: NIH Privacy Act Officer, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Room 601, Bethesda, MD 20892-7669.

Requesters must provide the following information:

1. Full name, and name(s) used while studying or employed;
2. Name and location of the evaluation study or other PHS program in which the requester participated or the institution at which the requester was a student or employee, if applicable;

3. Approximate dates of participation, matriculation or employment, if applicable.

The requester must also verify his or her identity by providing either a notarization of the request or a written certification that the requester is who he or she claims to be and understands that the knowing and willful request for acquisition of a record pertaining to an individual under false pretenses is a criminal offense under the Act, subject to a five thousand dollar fine.

An individual who requests notification of or access to a medical record shall, at the time the request is made, designate in writing, a responsible representative, who may be a physician, other health professional, or other responsible individual, who will be willing to review the record and inform the subject individual of its contents at the representative's discretion.

A parent or guardian who requests notification of, or access to, a child's or incompetent person's medical record shall designate a family physician or other health professional (other than a family member) to whom the record, if any, will be sent. The parent or guardian must verify relationship to the child or incompetent person as well as his or her own identity.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURE:

Same as Notification Procedures. Requesters should also reasonably specify the record contents being sought. Individuals may also request listings of accountable disclosures that have been made of their records, if any.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURE:

Write to the official specified under Notification Procedures above, and reasonably identify the record and specify the information being contested, the corrective action sought, and your reasons for requesting the correction, along with supporting information to show how the record is inaccurate, incomplete, untimely or irrelevant. The right to contest records is limited to information which is incomplete, irrelevant, incorrect, or untimely (obsolete).

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Information contained in these records is obtained directly from individual participants; from systems of records 09-25-0036, "Extramural Awards and Chartered Advisory Committees (IMPAC 2), Contract Information (DCIS), and Cooperative Agreement Information, HHS/NIH;" NSF-6, "Doctorate Record File," NSF-43, "Doctorate Work History File" (previously entitled NSF-43, "Roster and Survey of Doctorate Holders in The United States" and other records maintained by the operating programs of NIH; the National Academy of Sciences, professional associations such as the AAMC and ADA, and other contractors; grantees or collaborating researchers; or publicly available sources such as bibliographies.

SYSTEMS EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:

None.

Appendix I: System Managers

Office of Reports and Analysis, Office of Extramural Research, Office of the Director (OD), Rockledge II, Room 6212, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Director, Office of Human Resource Management, Office of the Director (OD), Building 1, Room B160, 1 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Program Analyst, Office of Science and Technology, PSR, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI), Building 31, Room 5A03, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892-2482.

Associate Director for Health Information Programs Development, National Library of Medicine (NLM), Building 38, Room 2S20, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20894.

Associate Director for Science Policy and Legislation, National Eye Institute (NEI), Building 31, Room 6A25, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892-2510.

Public Health Educator, Office of Cancer Communications, National Cancer Institute (NCI), Building 31, Room 10A03, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Chief, Office of Planning, Analysis, National Institute on Aging (NIA), Building 31, Room 5C05, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Associate Director for Science Policy, Analysis, and Communication, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), Building 31, Room 2A18, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Chief, Science Policy and Planning Branch, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD), Building 31, Room 3C27, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892-2320.

Evaluation Officer, Office of Science Policy and Analysis, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR), Building 31, Room 5B55, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892-2190.

Program Analyst, Office of Program Planning and Evaluation, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), P.O. Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

Chief, Office of Program Analysis and Evaluation, National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS), Natcher Building, Room 2AS55F, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

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Information Officer, Center for Scientific Review (CSR), Rockledge II, Room 6160, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

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Contract Officer, National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), 6001 Executive Boulevard, Room 6107, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Program Evaluation Team, Office of Scientific Affairs, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), Willco Building, Room 409, 6000 Executive Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892-7003.

Evaluation Officer, Office of Science Policy and Operations, National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM), Democracy Plaza II, Room 401, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892-5475.

Privacy Act Coordinator, National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB), Building 31, Room 1B37, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892-2077.

Privacy Act Coordinator, National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD), Democracy Plaza II, Room 800, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892-5465.

Appendix II: Notification and Access Officials

Acting Director, Office of Reports and Analysis, Office of Extramural Research, Office of the Director (OD), Building 1, Room 252, 1 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Director, Office of Human Resources Management, Office of the Director (OD), Building 1, Room B160, 1 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Privacy Act Coordinator, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), Building 31, Room 5A33, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

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