

# Privacy Impact Assessment Form

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Question

Answer

1 OPDIV:

2 PIA Unique Identifier:

2a Name:

3 The subject of this PIA is which of the following?

- General Support System (GSS)  
 Major Application  
 Minor Application (stand-alone)  
 Minor Application (child)  
 Electronic Information Collection  
 Unknown

3a Identify the Enterprise Performance Lifecycle Phase of the system.

3b Is this a FISMA-Reportable system?

- Yes  
 No

4 Does the system include a Website or online application available to and for the use of the general public?

- Yes  
 No

5 Identify the operator.

- Agency  
 Contractor

6 Point of Contact (POC):

POC Title POC Name POC Organization POC Email POC Phone 

7 Is this a new or existing system?

- New  
 Existing

8 Does the system have Security Authorization (SA)?

- Yes  
 No

8b Planned Date of Security Authorization

 Not Applicable

11 Describe the purpose of the system.	To collect annual clinic-specific and cycle-specific data from all practicing assisted reproductive technology clinics in the US and its territories.																												
12 Describe the type of information the system will collect, maintain (store), or share. (Subsequent questions will identify if this information is PII and ask about the specific data elements.)	NASS collects clinic-specific and cycle-specific data from all practicing assisted reproductive technology (ART) clinics in the US and its territories for the annual successful rates report publishing. This data collection is to fulfill the mandate of the Fertility Clinic Success Rates and Certification Act of 1992. Patients PII are collected with inform consent on voluntary basis prior to the beginning of the treatment.																												
13 Provide an overview of the system and describe the information it will collect, maintain (store), or share, either permanently or temporarily.	The National Assisted Reproductive Technology is a Surveillance System (ART) with an organized infrastructure that enables the ongoing, systematic collection, management, analysis, interpretation, and dissemination of health-related data.																												
14 Does the system collect, maintain, use or share PII?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No																												
15 Indicate the type of PII that the system will collect or maintain.	<table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Number</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of Birth</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Name</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Photographic Identifiers</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Driver's License Number</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Biometric Identifiers</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Mother's Maiden Name</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Identifiers</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail Address</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Mailing Address</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Phone Numbers</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Medical Records Number</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical Notes</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Financial Account Info</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Certificates</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Legal Documents</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Education Records</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Device Identifiers</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Military Status</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Employment Status</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Activities</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Passport Number</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Taxpayer ID</td> <td><input type="text"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="text" value="Patient zip code, country, city and state of residence"/></td> <td><input type="text"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="text" value="patient ethnic background"/></td> <td><input type="text"/></td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Number	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date of Birth	<input type="checkbox"/> Name	<input type="checkbox"/> Photographic Identifiers	<input type="checkbox"/> Driver's License Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Biometric Identifiers	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother's Maiden Name	<input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Identifiers	<input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail Address	<input type="checkbox"/> Mailing Address	<input type="checkbox"/> Phone Numbers	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Records Number	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical Notes	<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Account Info	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificates	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Documents	<input type="checkbox"/> Education Records	<input type="checkbox"/> Device Identifiers	<input type="checkbox"/> Military Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Employment Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Passport Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Taxpayer ID	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="Patient zip code, country, city and state of residence"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="patient ethnic background"/>	<input type="text"/>
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16 Indicate the categories of individuals about whom PII is collected, maintained or shared.	<input type="checkbox"/> Employees <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Citizens <input type="checkbox"/> Business Partners/Contacts (Federal, state, local agencies) <input type="checkbox"/> Vendors/Suppliers/Contractors <input type="checkbox"/> Patients Other <input type="text"/>																												
17 How many individuals' PII is in the system?	<input type="text" value="500-4,999"/>																												
18 For what primary purpose is the PII used?	To determine treatment outcomes from infertility clinics in the United States, and publishes an annual report.																												

19 Describe the secondary uses for which the PII will be used (e.g. testing, training or research)

Research

20 Describe the function of the SSN.

N/A

20a Cite the legal authority to use the SSN.

N/A

21 Identify legal authorities governing information use and disclosure specific to the system and program.

Public Health Service Act, Section 301, "Research and Investigation," (42 U.S.C. 241); and Sections 304, 306 and 308(d) which discuss authority to maintain data and provide assurances of confidentiality for health research and related activities (42 U.S.C. 242 b, k, and m(d)).

22 Are records on the system retrieved by one or more PII data elements?

Yes  
 No

22a Identify the number and title of the Privacy Act System of Records Notice (SORN) that is being used to cover the system or identify if a SORN is being developed.

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23 Identify the sources of PII in the system.

- Directly from an individual about whom the information pertains
  - In-Person
  - Hard Copy: Mail/Fax
  - Email
  - Online
  - Other
- Government Sources
  - Within the OPDIV
  - Other HHS OPDIV
  - State/Local/Tribal
  - Foreign
  - Other Federal Entities
  - Other
- Non-Government Sources
  - Members of the Public
  - Commercial Data Broker
  - Public Media/Internet
  - Private Sector
  - Other

23a Identify the OMB information collection approval number and expiration date.

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24 Is the PII shared with other organizations?

Yes  
 No

24a Identify with whom the PII is shared or disclosed and for what purpose.	<input type="checkbox"/> Within HHS <input type="checkbox"/> Other Federal Agency/Agencies <input type="checkbox"/> State or Local Agency/Agencies <input type="checkbox"/> Private Sector
24b Describe any agreements in place that authorizes the information sharing or disclosure (e.g. Computer Matching Agreement, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), or Information Sharing Agreement (ISA)).	
24c Describe the procedures for accounting for disclosures	
25 Describe the process in place to notify individuals that their personal information will be collected. If no prior notice is given, explain the reason.	Clinics specify in their informed consent that patient data is subject to reporting to CDC.
26 Is the submission of PII by individuals voluntary or mandatory?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Voluntary <input type="radio"/> Mandatory
27 Describe the method for individuals to opt-out of the collection or use of their PII. If there is no option to object to the information collection, provide a reason.	Patients may decline the informed consent.
28 Describe the process to notify and obtain consent from the individuals whose PII is in the system when major changes occur to the system (e.g., disclosure and/or data uses have changed since the notice at the time of original collection). Alternatively, describe why they cannot be notified or have their consent obtained.	No process in place
29 Describe the process in place to resolve an individual's concerns when they believe their PII has been inappropriately obtained, used, or disclosed, or that the PII is inaccurate. If no process exists, explain why not.	reasonably identify the record and specify the information being contested, the corrective action sought, and the reasons for requesting the correction, along with supporting information to show how the record is inaccurate, incomplete, untimely, or irrelevant. PII is used for data gathering and analysis only; not used or shared publicly, or obtained for providing services or benefits to individuals or the public.
30 Describe the process in place for periodic reviews of PII contained in the system to ensure the data's integrity, availability, accuracy and relevancy. If no processes are in place, explain why not.	The data are validated at the time they are collected, and are used for statistical reporting only. They are maintained in an information system that meets FISMA requirements for safeguarding information confidentiality, integrity, and availability. Assessments are completed annually

31	Identify who will have access to the PII in the system and the reason why they require access.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Users	Typical users include analysts, statisticians, research staff, and project senior staff, as well as agency project. The data, which may include IIF, are used for statistical analysis and reporting.
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administrators	System administrators have access to the structures and hardware supporting the information system containing the IIF. They have access to the data during routine operations such as backups.
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Developers	Developers have access to data stored in databases or data files and/or used for statistical analysis, which may include IIF.
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contractors	Westat, a contractor, is performing the ART project and operating the NASS information system.
		<input type="checkbox"/> Others	<input type="text"/>
32	Describe the procedures in place to determine which system users (administrators, developers, contractors, etc.) may access PII.	Individuals are granted rights to NASS information by the project director who, in cooperation with the systems manager and other key personnel, determines the need to access PII based on the role the user is assigned and the specific requirements that role requires.	
33	Describe the methods in place to allow those with access to PII to only access the minimum amount of information necessary to perform their job.	Role based access controls are in place to ensure the concept of "least privilege" is implemented. Based on project director's assessment of 'need to know', the network administrator creates and implements network access groups. Examples of such groups would be managers, systems staff, data preparation personnel, help desk staff, statisticians working on data validation etc. Each individual assigned to work on the project is assigned to a group associated with their role. Access rights are then derived from that role. The project network directory structure is organized such that access to each subfolder is restricted to one or more network access groups, effectively ensuring that an individual's access to data containing PII is restricted only to network areas pertaining to the tasks the individual is required to perform.	
34	Identify training and awareness provided to personnel (system owners, managers, operators, contractors and/or program managers) using the system to make them aware of their responsibilities for protecting the information being collected and maintained.	All Westat employees are required to annually complete Westat's Information Security Awareness Training which covers all aspects of systems and data security and confidentiality. All systems and network staff must also complete Westat annual contingency plan and disaster recovery training.	

<p>35 Describe training system users receive (above and beyond general security and privacy awareness training).</p>	<p>Systems and network infrastructure staff receive specific security training based on the technology they support on an ongoing basis and shall also receive additional security training as necessary to meet contract requirements. Additionally, all employees assigned to work on the ART project who come in contact with any NASS data are required to review and sign the Contractor's Pledge of 308(d) Confidentiality Safeguards for Individuals and Establishments Against Invasions of Privacy. All systems and network staff must also complete Westat annual contingency plan and disaster recovery training.</p>	
<p>36 Do contracts include Federal Acquisition Regulation and other appropriate clauses ensuring adherence to privacy provisions and practices?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	
<p>37 Describe the process and guidelines in place with regard to the retention and destruction of PII. Cite specific records retention schedules.</p>	<p>All PII/IIF is stored in a secured IT system or, if on physical media, in locked containers and/or spaces when not in use. Policies and procedures for handling IIF meet FISMA, NIST, HHS, and CDC requirements and guidelines.</p> <p>Upon completion of the contract, all data containing PII are electronically archived and the tapes are securely stored offsite. Westat's standard retention period is three years. The project director determines whether or not to extend the retention period beyond the three years based on contract requirements and/or study specific needs. The archives are destroyed only upon project director 's approval.</p>	
<p>38 Describe, briefly but with specificity, how the PII will be secured in the system using administrative, technical, and physical controls.</p>	<p>Information is secured on the system through access controls. Specifically, the NASS application and all other NASS related applications that provide access to PII include strict user authentication, which includes strong passwords that are required to be changed periodically. Access to all databases is restricted to designated internal Westat users and, additionally, native access control features are implemented to further enhance database protection. Furthermore, a comprehensive firewall system with multiple firewalls, routers, and other devices is configured and actively managed to ensure the security of the Westat network infrastructure.</p> <p>In addition to access controls, information is also secured through personnel security awareness and training, regular auditing of information and information management processes, careful monitoring of a properly accredited NASS information system, control of changes to the NASS, appropriate handling and testing of contingencies and contingency planning, ensuring that all users of the NASS are properly identified and authorized for access, and that they are aware of the rules and acknowledge that fact, by ensuring that any incident is handled expeditiously, properly maintaining the NASS and regulating the environment the system operates in, controlling media, evaluating risks and planning for information management and information system operations, by ensuring that the system and any exchange of information is protected, by maintaining the integrity of the NASS and the information stored in it, and by adhering to the requirements established in the contract and statement of work.</p>	

Reviewer Questions

Answer

**REVIEWER QUESTIONS:** The following section contains Reviewer Questions which are not to be filled out unless the user is an OPDIV Senior Officer for Privacy.

Reviewer Questions

Answer

1 Are the questions on the PIA answered correctly, accurately, and completely?

- Yes
- No

Reviewer Notes

2 Does the PIA appropriately communicate the purpose of PII in the system and is the purpose justified by appropriate legal authorities?

- Yes
- No

Reviewer Notes

3 Do system owners demonstrate appropriate understanding of the impact of the PII in the system and provide sufficient oversight to employees and contractors?

- Yes
- No

Reviewer Notes

4 Does the PIA appropriately describe the PII quality and integrity of the data?

- Yes
- No

Reviewer Notes

5 Is this a candidate for PII minimization?

- Yes
- No

Reviewer Notes

6 Does the PIA accurately identify data retention procedures and records retention schedules?

- Yes
- No

Reviewer Notes

7 Are the individuals whose PII is in the system provided appropriate participation?

- Yes
- No

Reviewer Notes

8 Does the PIA raise any concerns about the security of the PII?

- Yes
- No

Reviewer Notes

9 Is applicability of the Privacy Act captured correctly and is a SORN published or does it need to be?

- Yes
- No

Reviewer Notes

10 Is the PII appropriately limited for use internally and with third parties?

- Yes
- No

Reviewer Questions		Answer
<i>Reviewer Notes</i>	<input type="text"/>	
11	Does the PIA demonstrate compliance with all Web privacy requirements?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<i>Reviewer Notes</i>	<input type="text"/>	
12	Were any changes made to the system because of the completion of this PIA?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<i>Reviewer Notes</i>	<input type="text"/>	
General Comments	<input type="text"/>	
OPDIV Senior Official for Privacy Signature	<input type="text"/>	HHS Senior Agency Official for Privacy
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