


 **33 TB**  
Data Volume

 **3**  
Programs

 **8**  
Studies

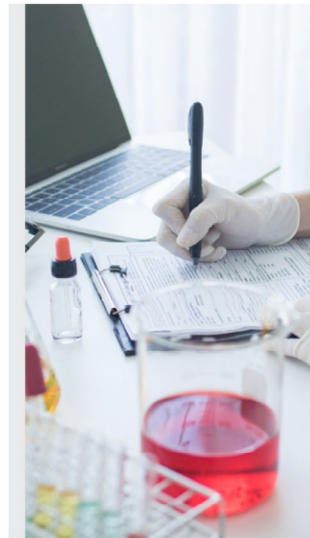
 **553**  
Cases

 **811**  
Samples

 **1701**  
Case Files

 **9**  
Study Files

## Submitting Data



The ICDC was established to further research on human cancers by enabling comparative analysis with canine cancer. If a researcher has data that will help this mission and they are willing to share that data in the ICDC, they will make a request through our [submission request process \[PDF\]](#). Please email [ICDCHelpDesk@mail.nih.gov](mailto:ICDCHelpDesk@mail.nih.gov) for instructions. All data in the ICDC will be made publicly available. This [template](#) can be used as an aid to the submitter.

Projects need not be complete to start the request. Indeed, working with the ICDC before defining your data collection processes can be beneficial, as the ICDC can help advise on best practices that will enable more efficient and effective submission of the data.

### EXPECTATIONS OF DATA:

Once a project is accepted into the ICDC, the ICDC Data Team will work with the submitter to review the data (i.e., by looking at data structure, data values, and data quality, as well as identifying any standards). The review in turn leads to a submission plan between ICDC and the submitter.

In developing the submission plan, a primary consideration is that consumers of the data will not be as familiar with the data as the project owners. For example, submitters may find “lymphoma” implicit as a diagnosis in a given data set and thus not have use for such a field. However, this field would need to be explicit for the research community as a whole.

General guidelines have been established to leverage available community standards where possible for both field name and acceptable values. Common data quality issues are: inconsistent spelling (haematology versus hematology), inconsistent formatting (“Male” versus “male”), concatenated values which should be separate (“neutered male” should be values in two separate fields), gaps in data (Null data versus empty data versus data not collected) and format (Excel or other database compatible formats versus PDF). The ICDC data team will work with the submitter to identify and resolve these issues.