Applying the NIH Existing Dataset or Resource Definition





Data or biospecimens with identifiable, private information that meets the clinical research definition



Were the data or samples originally collected or are being collected for a different purpose, and will now be used to answer a new research question in a new study?



Not an existing dataset or resource





Consider: data collected for routine clinic visits that occur before the researcher extracts data, or data available in a national database that is continuously updated.

Does the investigator of the new study plan to contact the participants to collect additional data/specimens specifically for the new research study?



Not an existing dataset or resource





Example: research that involves reaching out to participants on an existing cohort or longitudinal study does not meet the existing dataset definition. New data or specimens are being generated because of the research.



EXISTING DATASET OR RESOURCE