



American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc.

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Research Guidelines and Data Sharing Policies

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Confidentiality and Release of Data

Nothing in these guidelines is intended nor shall it be deemed to allow the disclosure of information in violation of or prohibited by the Board's Privacy Policy.

The Board may, at its discretion, release information contained in registration for certification and maintenance of certification (MOC) and certification/MOC results to researchers selected by the Board to study the testing and evaluation programs of the Board under appropriate conditions of confidentiality established by the Board. Notwithstanding the Board's Privacy Policy, for the purposes of research, any data or studies reported by the Board or using Board-provided data will contain information about candidates and diplomates only in the aggregate, and the names of individuals will not be revealed in any publications.

The ABPN will not share data that could be used to identify individual residents, training programs, applicants, candidates, diplomates, or former diplomates.

The ABPN shall have the right to review any potential publications and to restrict research results if deemed necessary.

It shall also be a condition of approval that the ABPN shall own all data obtained directly or indirectly from research involving ABPN examinations, candidates, and diplomates.

Data Request Process

- Researcher submits executive summary of proposed project, including project objectives, the need for ABPN data, and curriculum vita to ABPN.
- ABPN Research and Development Committee and staff review the request for alignment with ABPN mission and research priorities; if needed, a more detailed proposal (specific ABPN data needed, budget, target date for completion of the project, intended authorship, and presentation/publication venues) is requested.
- If approved, letter of agreement with researcher for approved data is prepared with appropriate confidentiality/non-disclosure requirements as applicable.
- ABPN collates the data requested and securely transfers data (deidentified if appropriate) to the researcher.
- Researcher submits written summary or evaluation of the project.

Authorship Credit

The degree of intellectual contribution should be given primary weight in authorship. The ABPN will never be considered an author for these purposes but should receive the appropriate type of acknowledgement in all publications and presentations. Directors or staff of the ABPN and others contributing directly to the research and publication or presentation may be given authorship credit.

Publication of results must include the following statements:

- Data for this research were supplied by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.
- The research design, analysis, and conclusions presented here are solely the responsibility of the authors and do not necessarily constitute the opinions or policy of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

Other Requests

Requests for contact information: These requests will be denied unless the specific project is approved by the Research and Development Committee.

Requests to provide links to surveys, etc.: These requests will be denied unless the specific project is approved by the Research and Development Committee.