**PHSREC PROTOCOL TEMPLATE**

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This template has been designed for population health research utilising routinely collected health data held by the NSW Ministry of Health or the Cancer Institute NSW.

**Please do not use this template for data linkage projects** – instead, refer to the PHSREC\_CHeReL Combined Protocol and Application for Data at the PHSREC website.

**This research protocol template must be used in conjunction with, and complement, the HREA.**

All forms and further information for submission to the NSW Population and Health Services Research Ethics Committee (PHSREC) can be found at:

**https://www.cancer.nsw.gov.au/research-and-data/nsw-population-health-services-research-ethics-com/how-to-apply**

# PROJECT DETAILS

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| Title: |
| Short Title: |
| NSW PHSREC REGIS Ref: |
| Other (e.g., Sax Institute, SURE workspace name, AIHW, ACT Health and/or your ref): |
| Project Contact Person:  Email and Phone no.: |
| Is this a data linkage Project:  ☐ Yes (Please speak to PHSREC before proceeding)  ☐ No |
| Is this a cross or multi-jurisdictional Project  ☐ Yes Please provide PHRN number (if applicable)  List jurisdictions (if applicable)  ☐ No |
| Are you seeking PHSREC approval under the National Mutual Acceptance (NMA) Scheme?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No |

# VERSION CONTROL (MAKE CONSISTENT WITH FOOTER)

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# INVESTIGATORS AND PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

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| 2BPrincipal Investigator 1 | | |
| Name & Title | |  |
| Institution | |  |
| Division | |  |
| Position | |  |
| Mailing address | |  |
| Email address | |  |
| Phone number | |  |
| Access to unit  record data containing personal and/or health information (Y/N[[1]](#footnote-2)) | | If ‘Y’ name site |
| INVESTIGATOR / RESEARCHER | | |
| Name & Title | |  |
| Institution | |  |
| Division | |  |
| Position | |  |
| Email address | |  |
| Phone number | |  |
| Access to unit  record data (Y/N) | | If ‘Y’ name site |
| 4BInvestigator / Researcher | | |
| Name & title | |  |
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# BACKGROUND / RATIONALE

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| *Provide an abstract/summary of your project (max 100 words)* |
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| Provide a background to the study including a brief literature review, outline of knowledge gaps, how the study will address these, and the intended contribution to the field (750 - 1000 words) |
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# AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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| Provide a statement of primary and secondary aims/objectives, key research questions, and/or a clearly defined hypothesis. |
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# METHODS

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| 5BStudy Design |
| Describe the type of study (e.g., retrospective cohort study, case control study). |
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| 6BCohort/study population |
| Please describe your cohort/study population, specifying any inclusion /exclusion criteria. |
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| 7BDATA COLLECTION | | | |
| Please identify the nature of the data to be collected (multiple options may be selected). | | | |
| Primary data collection (e.g., original data from surveys, interviews, and/or focus groups etc.)  **Please provide a description of primary data sources below.**  **Please specify the names of the sites for primary data collection.** | | | |
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| Secondary data collection (e.g., routinely collected data)  Please provide details for all datasets including those not to be linked by CHeReL | | | |
| **Dataset Name**  (e.g., NSW Admitted Patient Data Collection, Medicare Benefits Schedule, Victorian Admitted Episodes Dataset) | **Data Collection Site/Agency**  (e.g., NSW Dept. Education) | **To be Linked By**  (e.g., CHeReL/AIHW/DVL) | **Agency type for secondary data** |
|  |  |  | State / Territory  Commonwealth  Private Sector |
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|  |  |  | State / Territory  Commonwealth  Private Sector |
| 8BConsent | | | |
| Outline the consent process(es) to be used e.g.   1. **Informed consent** 2. **Opt-out consent** 3. **Request a waiver of consent – with strong justifications** | | | |
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# DATA GOVERNANCE

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| **1. Data Flow:**  Please outline the movement of data within and between sites including the methods of transfer used. This section should correspond with the flow diagram. |
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| **2. Data Storage, Access and Security:**  Where will the data be stored? (e.g., SURE, Local Server, etc).  Provide details of the security measures and access governance in place at each site. |
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| **3. Use and Disclosure**  How and in what format will the data outputs be disseminated and used. How is confidentiality upheld. |
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| **4. Data Retention:**  Specify the method and duration of data retention following completion of the project. |
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| **5. Data Disposal:**  Specify the method the information will be destroyed. |
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# ANALYSIS PLAN

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| Outcomes/exposures and covariates |
| *Describe the study outcome measures (primary and secondary) and include information on study exposure/s, covariates, and other factors. How are these defined based on the data and how do they reflect the aims? Please provide sufficient detail (200 word minimum).* |
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| statistical analysis |
| *Provide a statistical analysis plan outlining how the aims/objectives will be met, the statistical methods to be used, and who will be carrying out the analysis. Provide sufficient detail (200 word minimum).* |
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# PROJECT FUNDING / SUPPORT

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| **Funding** | **Confirmed or Sought?** | | | **Amount of funding $** |
| **External Competitive Grant** | Confirmed | Sought | Not Sought |  |
| **Internal competitive grant** | Confirmed | Sought | Not Sought |  |
| **Sponsor** | Confirmed | Sought | Not Sought |  |
| **Researchers’ department or organisation** | Confirmed | Sought | Not Sought |  |

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| **External Competitive** |  |
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| **Internal Competitive** |  |
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| **Sponsor** |  |
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| **Researchers Department or Organisation** |  |
| Name of Grant/Sponsor |  |

# REFERENCES

1. Access to tabulated/aggregated results ONLY = N [↑](#footnote-ref-2)