

What Happens to Data During a Research Study?



Collect Data

- There are many ways to collect data.
- For example, data is collected when you complete a survey, participate in an interview, have a lab test, or record measurements like height, weight, and blood pressure.

Code Data

- You are assigned a code, a series of numbers and letters that identify your data.
- A code is created so direct personal identifiers like your name and contact information are kept separate from your research data.
- Data is coded to protect your identity.

Save Data

- Coded data is saved in a database.
- The database contains data from all study participants.
- The database is kept safe and secure with protection methods such as passwords.

Clean Data

- Data is checked and cleaned by the study team to make sure all information is correct.
- Data is monitored by outside groups for participant safety and research integrity.

Analyze Data

- Data from all the participants is combined.
- The combined data is analyzed by the research teams as they work to answer the study's research questions.

You have the right to ask questions about your data.

- What data will be collected in this study?
- Who will have access to my data?
- How will my data be protected?
- How can my data help answer the research question?
- How can I find out the results of the study?
- For how long will my data be kept?

