

Genomic User Code of Conduct

The following is the Code of Conduct that research investigators agree to abide by as an Approved User of data received through the database for Genotypes and Phenotypes (dbGaP). Failure to abide by any term within this Code of Conduct may result in revocation of approved access to any or all datasets obtained through dbGaP.

The elements of the NIH Code of Conduct for Genomic Data Use include:

- 1) Investigator(s) will use requested datasets solely in connection with the research project described in the approved Data Access Request for each dataset;
- 2) Investigator(s) will make no attempt to identify or contact individual participants from whom these data were collected without appropriate approvals from the relevant IRBs;
- 3) Investigator(s) will not distribute these data to any entity or individual beyond those specified in the approved Data Access Request;
- 4) Investigator(s) will adhere to computer security practices that ensure that only authorized individuals can gain access to data files;
- 5) Investigator(s) will not *submit* for publication or any other form of public dissemination analyses or other reports on work using or referencing NIH datasets prior to the embargo release date listed for the dataset (or dataset version) on dbGaP;
- 6) Investigator(s) acknowledge the Intellectual Property Policies as specified in the Data Use Certification; and,
- 7) Investigator(s) will report any inadvertent data release in accordance with the terms in the Data Use Certification, breach of data security, or other data management incidents contrary to the terms of data access.