

Data & Sample Sharing Made Easy!

OVERVIEW

The Ottawa Hospital Research Institute (OHRI) Contracts office reviews close to 600 data/samples sharing agreements (DSSA) yearly. Since adopting the gDSSA template we have experienced significantly reduced negotiation times for DSSAs - as low as 24 hours. See our comparison graphs below.

By signing onto the gDSSA, institutions add it as one of the tools in their toolkit to transfer data/samples faster than before.

WHAT is the gDSSA?

The Governing Data and Biological Sample Transfers Agreement (gDSSA) is a master agreement between institutions in Canada, that provides a standardized, legally binding framework, allowing parties to limit agreement negotiation times and transfer data/samples faster.

WHY the gDSSA?

Each institution has its own template that has different clauses regarding ownership of data, when data can be used and transferred, references to governing law and privacy legislation, and other difficult clauses to negotiate. This can create a lengthy negotiation process; even more so if escalation is required. The gDSSA helps solve these issues.



BENEFITS

The use of the gDSSA helps increase efficiency and consistency while also decreasing processing time when negotiating DSSAs.

BEST USED FOR:

- Secondary use research
- Retrospective chart reviews
- Prospective chart reviews (with no consent)
- Data analysis



CONTRACT LIFE CYCLE COMPARISON

DSSA



gDSSA



RESULTS

The gDSSA helps reduce our negotiation times to about a 10-day average between starting and finalizing negotiations.

Executed in Feb. 2024, the gDSSA has expanded to include over 70 adoptees including universities, research institutes, hospitals and health authorities.

HOW TO JOIN!

1. Go to <https://act-aec.ca/gdssa/> to access the Joinder Form.
2. Complete the Joinder Form and return it to jencox@ohri.ca, contracts@ohri.ca, and sierra.rosiana-easlick@phri.ca.
3. Once you have returned the Joinder Form, you will receive a Word version for use.