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# 16008; Obtaining Clinical Outcome Data for HIV Care Organizations without a Clinical Service Component

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# Learning Outcomes



- 1. Establish an understanding of barriers and strategies to incorporate when requesting clinical data from external sources
- 2. Learn to identify agency, city, or state guidelines that will streamline the data collection.
- 3. Standardize quality checks on data and charts to ensure completeness and organization.

# Background



- Critical SPNS outcomes
- Difference between an organization like ours and others
- Trial and error failures
- Lack of resources

# Understanding the Iterative Process



- Accessing EMRs
- Clients and paperwork
- HIPAA consent for release of medical records
- Hospital/Clinic address
- Hospital/Clinic contact information
- Method of request

# “Finalized” Process – Obtaining the Data



- 1. Understand which HIPAA consent form is needed for your specific information requested.
- 2. Obtain bidirectional HIPAA consent forms from the client.
- 3. Build a database of providers with name, address, phone number, fax, physical address, email address and method of requesting clinical data with the medical records department.
- 4. Make a schedule or plan to request the data and be specific in your request.
- 5. Follow-up with the department on a time schedule based on their medical records request time-tables.
- 6. Receive the data and process it internally.

# “Finalized” Process – Checklist



- 7. Highlight and mark the data needed for your project or research with color-coded tabs.
- 8. Enter the data into tracking systems accordingly.
- 9. Have a second person check the data marked for any missing items or inconsistencies.
- 10. Perform periodic internal data-audits to ensure data quality.

# Specific Considerations



- Do not overburden research assistants/evaluators with too many cases.
- Consider your team and its parts.
- Ensure completeness across all documents and items.
- There will be multiple ‘rounds’ of requests
- Understand the multiple areas where the iterative process is important.





Questions?