

VA Data Resources and VA Data Request Tools

This document contains resources that the VA Data Core and its partners have found useful. They are intended as tools to assist in the preparation for a VA Data request.

Introductory Websites:

- 1. VA Information Resource Center (VIREC)**
 - a. Website: <http://www.virec.research.va.gov>
 - b. Intranet Site: <http://vaww.virec.research.va.gov/Index.htm>
- 2. VA Informatics and Computing Infrastructure (VINCI) Observational Medical Outcome Partnership (OMOP)**
 - a. Website: http://www.hsrdr.research.va.gov/for_researchers/vinci/
 - b. Intranet Site: <http://vaww.vinci.med.va.gov/vincicentral/default.aspx>
- 3. VHA Data Portal (*accessible only on VA intranet*):**
 - a. DART (Data Access Request) Process Overview: <http://vaww.vhadataportal.med.va.gov/DataAccess/DARTRequestProcess.aspx>
 - b. VHA Data Portal Home Page: <http://vaww.vhadataportal.med.va.gov/Home.aspx>

Links to Instruction Documents (*accessible only on VA intranet*):

- 1. DART User Guide:** This is a step-by-step guide to submitting a DART Application. http://vaww.vinci.med.va.gov/vincicentral/documents/DART_User_Guide.pdf
- 2. CDW Domains:** all of the domains described in the CDW (Corporate Data Warehouse) domain checklist (part of the DART application) are made up of tables. links to the tables in each of those domains can be found on the left-hand side of this page <https://vaww.vinci.med.va.gov/VinciCentral/DataSources/Index>
- 3. Vinci Workspace User Guide:** a guide to using the VINCI workspace http://vaww.vinci.med.va.gov/vincicentral/documents/VINCI_Workspace_User_Guide.pdf
- 4. VINCI Database User Guide:** a guide to navigating your VINCI Database. http://vaww.vinci.med.va.gov/vincicentral/documents/VINCI_Database_User_Guide.pdf

Webinars:

HSR&D conducts many helpful webinars that explain different aspects of VA data. To be added to the distribution of future webinars, email cyberseminar@va.gov.

1. Categories of HSR&D Cyberseminars <http://www.hsrdr.research.va.gov/cyberseminars/series.cfm>
2. Upcoming and Archived HSR&D seminar slides and recordings <http://www.hsrdr.research.va.gov/cyberseminars/catalog-archive.cfm>
3. VIREC Cyberseminar Series <http://www.virec.research.va.gov/Resources/Cyberseminars.asp>
4. VIREC Cyberseminar Archive <http://www.hsrdr.research.va.gov/cyberseminars/catalog-archive-virec.cfm>

Webinars that the Data Core and its partners have found particularly useful:

1. **Application Process:**
 - a. [Requesting Access to VA Data](#)
 - b. [DART – The Data Access Request Tracker Application](#)
2. **VA Data for Beginners:**
 - a. [Overview of VA Data](#)
 - b. [First-time users guide to CDW relational database](#)
 - c. [The VA Informatics and Computing Infrastructure \(VINCI\)](#)
 - d. [Conducting a Research Study Using VINCI](#)
 - e. [VINCI data & data services](#)
 - f. [The VINCI Workspace](#)
 - g. [Getting the Information You Need From CDW: SQL Starter Language](#)
 - h. [Metadata Resources for Researchers Beginning to Use CDW Data](#)
3. **Further Resources:**
 - a. **VIReC**
 - i. [Assessing Race and Ethnicity](#)
 - ii. [Assessing Inpatient and Outpatient VA Health Care Use](#)
 - iii. [Measuring Laboratory Use and Results Using the VA DSS National Lab Data](#)
 - iv. [Examining Veterans' Pharmacy Use with VA and Medicare Pharmacy Data](#)
 - v. [Measuring Veterans' Medicare Health Services Use](#)
 - vi. [Ascertaining Veterans' Vital Status and Dates of Death](#)
 - b. **CDW**
 - i. [Joining Tables within a Domain](#)
 - ii. [Seeing the Data When You Can't See the Data: A Tour of Documentation of the CDW](#)
 - iii. [A Practical Guide to Using the Corporate Data Warehouse LabChem Data: VA Informatics and Computing](#)
 - iv. [Identification of Outpatient Workload in CDW \(Corporate Data Warehouse\)](#)
 - v. [Metadata Resources for Researchers Beginning to Use CDW Data](#)
4. **Others (filter list using series title here):**
 - a. [VIReC Clinical Informatics Seminars](#)
 - b. [VIReC Good Data Practices](#)
 - c. [Consortium for Healthcare Informatics Research](#)
 - d. [VA Statisticians' Association](#)
 - e. [HERC courses](#)

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