



VIREC's VA/CMS Data for Research Request Process-New Request Forms Required

VIREC's VA/CMS Data Request process and forms have changed. VIREC's Research Advisory Board (RAB) instructed VIREC to modify the process in which VA researchers request access to the data. VIREC policies, procedures, and forms governing use of VA/CMS data for research have been modified to ensure privacy and security of VA/CMS data. All requests for VA/CMS data for IRB approved research projects must be submitted utilizing the revised form. Please visit VIREC's website <http://www.virec.research.va.gov/DataSourcesName/VA-CMS/VACMSrequest-process.htm> to obtain a copy of the revised request form and instructions.

Researchers who have already submitted a request for VA/CMS data utilizing the original request form will be contacted separately with instructions. Researchers currently using VA/CMS data for previously approved projects are not affected by these changes, and should continue to submit annual review documentation. Please contact VIREC at (708)202-2413 or virec@va.gov with any questions.