

## Data Use Agreements

A Data Use Agreement (DUA) is used whenever private health information is being transferred from SickKids to another academic institution for non-commercial research purposes. There are specific instances when only a DUA is required and more extensive documentation is not needed. Please see below for examples of when to use a DUA.

A DUA is required when you, the SickKids PI, wish to transfer data from your unfunded research studies to a PI at another academic institution *and* the data is not already part of a formal agreement like a clinical research study, material transfer or service agreement.

Examples of data that falls under a DUA are:

- Unfunded retrospective chart/ database reviews
- Unfunded prospective studies
- Research collaboration with a statistician in another academic institution who is performing analysis on your data for no charge

Please note that a DUA should not be used in the following situations:

- blood/ urine/ genetic materials transfer
- industry funded clinical studies
- fee-for-service arrangements where your data is transferred out to a service-provider (e.g. audio tape transcriptions)

If you are unsure whether a DUA should be used, please contact your REB coordinator for clarifications.