

NICOR DATA ACCESS CHARGES

No charge for data extracts for local audit or service evaluation

NICOR is commissioned to manage national cardiovascular databases for clinical audit. Therefore, NICOR does not charge for data extracts for local clinical audit or service evaluation purposes.

Why NICOR charges for data extracts for research

NICOR does not receive any funding to support research using the national audit data. Thus, NICOR has to recoup the costs of providing data extracts for research purposes. It is important to stress that NICOR is not charging for the data, but charging for the time associated with providing a data extract. The costs indicated in the Table are 'at cost' of producing the extract and NICOR does not intend to make any profit from charging for data extracts. Thus, if the PI requests an amendment(s) to the original application/extract resulting in an amended extract having to be prepared by NICOR, this will incur a further charge of £1,000.

NICOR encourages that all data access requests to NICOR for research purposes should have appropriate funding, including the NICOR data access costs. The Health Research Authority has provided some links to potential funding streams, which you may find useful (<http://www.hra.nhs.uk/resources/before-you-apply/research-funding/>).

Pilot data and feasibility study data requests

NICOR wishes to be as helpful as possible in facilitating research using national cardiovascular clinical audit data. NICOR encourages that requests for pilot data/analysis for grant submissions or to explore the feasibility of a particular question should first be discussed with the appropriate project manager. We aim not to charge for these requests, but if they are particularly complicated or time-consuming a charge may be considered.

Waivers from the charge

NICOR encourages that all data access requests to NICOR for research purposes should have appropriate funding, including the NICOR data access costs. However, NICOR does appreciate that there are important areas of work that need to be done that have not been successful in receiving funding. In these instances, each national audit research group can 'waive' the charge on a maximum of three research data access requests per financial year. These can only be on Tier 1b and Tier 2b requests and is dependent on the applicant having submitted but having been unsuccessful, in obtaining grant money.



Exploring options for the future

NICOR is committed to making data extracts for research as accessible as possible and aspires to being able to provide data extracts for research at a reduced, or at no cost, to applicants in the future. We are exploring a number of options for alternative funding to support this.

TIER	DATA REQUEST	DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS	COST
DATA EXTRACT REQUESTS FROM PARTICIPATING CENTRES FOR AUDIT OR SERVICE EVALUATION			
1	a)Local centre audit or service evaluation	As request is for local audit or service evaluation purposes the data cannot be used for or published in an academic journal	FREE
	b)Regional or national audit or service evaluation	As request is for local audit or service evaluation purposes the data cannot be used for or published in an academic journal	£2,125
DATA EXTRACT REQUESTS FROM ACADEMIC AND CLINICAL TEAMS FOR RESEARCH			
2	a)Pilot data and feasibility study data requests	Pilot data/analysis for a grant submission or feasibility study request to determine is a particular research question can be feasible undertaken.	FREE (A charge may apply if a complicated request)
	b)Research: One NICOR audit data extract	Data extract from one audit only. If requesting a data extract from more than one audit (unlinked) then this fee is multiplied by the number of extracts requested.	£4,250
	c)Research: Two or more NICOR audit data extracts linked by NICOR	Data extracts from two audits linked by NICOR.	£8,534 (each additional audit extract £4,431)
	d)Research: Two or more NICOR audit data extracts linked with external dataset where NICOR is the TTP	Data extracts from two audits linked by NICOR with external dataset where NICOR is the TTP	£8,598 (each additional audit extract £4,431)
	e)Research: Two or more NICOR audit data extracts linked with external dataset where NICOR is NOT the TTP	Data extracts from two audits linked by NICOR. If requesting a data extract from more than two audits (linked) then this fee is multiplied by the number of extracts requested.	£12, 377 (each additional audit extract is £4,431)
DATA EXTRACT REQUESTS FROM NON-ACADEMIC AND NON-INDUSTRY COMPANIES			
3	Company requested NICOR data extracts	For example, companies who have been commissioned by NHS England to undertake work.	Cost of extract + 30%
DATA EXTRACT REQUESTS FROM INDUSTRY			
4	Industry requested NICOR data extracts		Cost of extract + 30%
OTHER DATA EXTRACTS			
5	Other	Any other request that does not fit in to tiers 1-4	Bespoke
OTHER CHARGES			
6	Data extract amendment	Amendment made to original approved application resulting in an amended extract having to be prepared by NICOR	£1,000
	Data extract update		£1,000

