



A Matter of Life and Death-

Data Sharing with Vital Records

Minnesota | N. Dakota | Oregon | Rhode Island | Vermont

A top-down view of a wooden desk with two people shaking hands. On the desk are two laptops, a small potted cactus, and a power strip. A semi-transparent dark grey box is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the text for the panelists.

Panelists

Miriam Muscoplat	▶ Minnesota
Mary Woinarowicz	▶ North Dakota
Kerry Lionadh	▶ Oregon
Ellen Amore	▶ Rhode Island
Bridget Ahrens	▶ Vermont

A close-up photograph of a person's hands interacting with a silver laptop. The left hand is pointing at the screen, while the right hand is on the trackpad. The person is wearing a black wristband on their left wrist and a silver ring on their right ring finger. The background is blurred, showing a desk and some office equipment. The word "Background" is overlaid in white text, with a vertical line to its left.

Background

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	Age of IIS	Platform	Age Range	Jurisdictional Rules	IIS Integrated with Other Data
Minnesota	2002	WIR	Lifespan	Pharmacies mandated to report, voluntary for others.	No
North Dakota	1996	Grantee-developed	Lifespan system	Mandatory reporting for kids ≤ 18 , opt out only for adults ≥ 19	No
Oregon	1996	WIR	Lifespan system	Pharmacies mandated to report, SSV agreement, voluntary for all others, opt out for >18 only	No
Rhode Island	1997	Grantee-developed	0-18 (Lifespan in development)	Opt-out, SSV agreement requires reporting, pharmacies must report flu	Yes
Vermont	2004	Grantee-developed	Lifespan system	Mandatory reporting for all ages	Yes

Partnerships & Policy



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	Partnership Began	Data Sharing Agreement	Other Considerations
Minnesota	2002	Formal, renewed every 3 years	None
North Dakota	1996	Informal	None
Oregon	1996	Formal, reviewed annually	State law restrictions
Rhode Island	1997	Informal	Integrated Child Health Info. System
Vermont	2004	Informal	Shared database

Birth Records



Birth Records

	File Sharing Method	Data Received	Out-of-State records
Minnesota	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weekly• Script run by IIS team	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Baby & Mother demographics• HepB, HBIG• SFN	No
North Dakota	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weekly• Automated SFTP• Back-end data access	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Baby & Mother demographics• Birth facility• HepB, HBIG	No
Oregon	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Twice Weekly• Flat file SFTP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Baby & Mother demographics• HepB, HBIG• SFN	No
Rhode Island	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily batch• File mapping on internal network	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Baby & Mother demographics• Birth facility• HepB, HBIG• SFN	No
Vermont	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Real-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Baby & Mother demographics• HepB, HBIG• SFN	Yes

Death Records



Death Records

	File Sharing	Data Received	Out-of-State Records
Minnesota	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weekly• Script run by IIS team	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name, DOB, DOD• SFN	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No
North Dakota	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bi-weekly• Automated SFTP• Back-end data access	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name, DOB, DOD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not now will be submitting to NAPHSIS EVVE Fact of Death system
Oregon	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Twice weekly• Flat file SFTP• Backend access to tables	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name, DOB, DOD• Death File #, gender	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Receive notification via STEVE for some out of state deaths
Rhode Island	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medical examiner report of child death• Manually entered	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name, DOB, DOD• Gender, address, case #, case info	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access to VR death files incl. out of State (STEVE) – in development
Vermont	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Real-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name, DOB, DOD• Gender	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yes, loaded into Electronic Death Reporting System upon receipt

Record Updates



Updates

	Adoptions (yes/no, method of receipt)	Marriage (yes/no, method of receipt)	Gender (yes/no, method of receipt)
Minnesota	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • Part of weekly update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • Part of weekly update
North Dakota	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • Weekly emailed spreadsheet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No – work in progress 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No – work in progress
Oregon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • Twice weekly flat file 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • Bi-weekly flat file 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • Bi-weekly flat file
Rhode Island	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • Email with pdf 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No – work in progress 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No – work in progress
Vermont	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • Records manually updated by Vital Records staff (monthly) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual marriage file used as a resource for patient matching/updating – no direct import 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No current process – new law implemented 7/1/19. Gender is manually modifiable in IIS



THANK YOU!

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