

As one of the country's largest integrated healthcare systems, Kaiser Permanente is fortunate with a wide array of rich data sources to conduct high quality, impactful research. Our data represent a tremendous asset to us as a learning healthcare organization and can facilitate research that can be practice changing, both for KP and the community at large.

We do, however, have an obligation to our members to safeguard their health information, as well as to be good stewards of the asset these data represent to our organization.

Frequently, potential collaborators who are not affiliated with KP or SCPMG will approach SCPMG physicians and researchers with requests to collaborate. While collaborations can be considered, any allowed collaboration must represent more than simply sending patient data, biospecimens or medical images to an entity outside SCPMG. SCPMG leadership has given Research and Evaluation a clear directive that such activity will not be allowed.

Therefore, all research projects proposing to send data, biospecimens or medical images outside SCPMG will be individually evaluated to ensure that each project truly is a collaboration between SCPMG and the outside entity. Projects found to consist of only sending data, biospecimens, or medical images to an outside of SCPMG will generally not be approved (irrespective of promises of future collaborations, authorship, etc.).

SCPMG does offer a variety of options for performing research projects here at KP. For information on these pathways, please contact Jeff Slezak, MS at jeff.m.slezak@kp.org. Mr. Slezak will be happy to review the options with you.

On behalf of SCPMG and all our patients, thanks in advance for helping to protect one of our most valuable resources-our patient data.

Sincerely,

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