HDPBC
Health Data Platform

December 2024 Updates

Dear HDPBC Desktop User,

Please find below the **latest updates to the HDPBC platform**, now available for request and use.

Over the last couple of months, several improvements have been made to the platform to increase its performance and functionality. These changes include new data holdings added this year, existing data holdings refreshed with the most current information, and other upgrades completed to this day. The goal of HDPBC is to ensure that you have the best possible experience while using the data platform.

Data Updates

New Data Sets Available in HDPBC

While there are no new data sets to share at this time, efforts are underway to bring new data to HDPBC in early 2025. For more details, see the 'Upcoming Data' section below.

Data Refreshes

If your project previously accessed any of these data sets, the updated information will be automatically reflected.

- BC Perinatal Data Registry (BCPDR)

The above data sets are now available to be requested for new projects via Data Access Request form (DAR), or for the existing projects via Project Amendment Form.

Did you know...

- As the holiday break approaches, HDPBC user support services will operate with limited coverage between **December 23, 2024**, to **January 3, 2025**. During this time, response times will be slower than usual. Please refer to the HDPBC resources available before and during the slowdown period. Check our FAQs and self-help resources, which are accessible through the HDPBC website. For user guides, review the GitLab documentation available inside the HDP-TAE (Trusted Analysis Environment). Regular support operations will resume on January 6, 2025.

Upcoming Data

HDPBC is actively bringing valuable data to the platform. The data sets listed below are currently under development and will be progressively integrated into HDPBC in the coming months.

New Data Holding: The BC Stroke Registry (BCSR) data will soon be available, offering significant insights into various aspects of stroke care and outcomes. Details about this data holding are being finalized and will be shared once confirmed.

Other HDPBC Updates

- **Updated GitLab How-to Documentation:** User guides in GitLab have been updated with a focus on improving usability and providing better user experience. To access the updated documentation, log into the HDP-TAE, open GitLab and go to HDPBC Shared, then select 'How-To-Documentation'.
- **JDBC Driver:** You can use the JDBC driver to connect to the HDPBC database server, execute SQL queries, and fetch data seamlessly for your projects. To get started, download the latest JDBC driver and locate the .jar file at: C:/Program Files/Microsoft JDBC Driver 12.8 for SQL Server/sqljdbc_12.8/enu/jars. Then configure it with Apache Maven by creating a 'target' folder inside 'Maven' and running mvn dependency:copy-dependencies to install all dependencies. This command will download all the dependencies to your chosen location, enabling you to continue your work more efficiently.

We believe these updates will significantly enhance your workflow and productivity. If you have any questions or feedback about these changes, please reach out to us at MoHAnalytics@gov.bc.ca.

Thank you, and we look forward to hearing your thoughts on the latest updates.