

May 2025 Updates

Dear HDPBC User,

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

Over the last month, several improvements have been made to the platform to increase its performance and functionality. These updates included transitioning to a new system architecture, laying the groundwork for future enhancements to platform performance and data currency. While last month's updates focused on foundational improvements, we want to keep you informed about the upcoming changes. The goal of HDPBC is to ensure that you have the best possible experience while using the data platform.

Upcoming Data Updates

- **VPP Clinical OMOP Data**
 - Upcoming update includes information up to Dec 2024
 - *provider_id* columns and *spor_source_id* columns will be encrypted
- **CIHI Population Grouping Methodology and CPOP Diagnosis Codes (CPOP)**
 - Upcoming table updates:
 - CPOP_DIAGNOSIS (up to Feb 2025)
 - CPOP_HC_CORE (up to Mar 2024)
 - CPOP_HPG_CORE (up to Mar 2024)
 - CPOP_HC and CPOP_HPG will be combined with the CPOP_HC_CORE and the CPOP_HPG_CORE objects
 - Column *AGE_GROUP_E_DESC* in CPOP_HC_CORE will be removed
 - Columns *HPG_E_DESC* and *AGE_GROUP_E_DESC* in CPOP_HPG_CORE will be removed
- **Upcoming New Patient-Centered Measurement (PCM) Surveys**
 - Continuity Across Transitions (2019 – 2020)
 - Mental Health and Substance Use (2010 – 2013)
 - Oncology - Outpatient Cancer Care (2019 – 2021)

Upcoming Changes

As we are transitioning to a new system architecture, please be reminded that all encrypted columns with '_e' suffix (e.g., PHN_e) will be assigned new key values. This change may affect linkage of cohorts which are defined and managed by the user.

This change is planned to take place in May 2025. Additional notifications will be provided once the specific date has been confirmed.

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...

- ❖ Following a few simple practices can help optimize storage and improve data security:
 - Please be mindful when saving intermediate data products on your P/S drives.
 - Avoid storing personally identifiable information (PII) on GitLab. Instead of saving actual data, save the code used to generate it. This helps ensure data security and prevents unauthorized access.
- ❖ When to do a File In versus BYOD SFTP transfer?
 - **File In** - Use this method if your file:
 - Is under 24 MB AND does not contain personal or sensitive information.
 - The information will not be linked for analysis.
 - **BYOD Import** - Use this method if your file:
 - Contains personal or sensitive information (must be encrypted, with patient and provider names excluded), AND/OR is over 24 MB.
 - The information may be linked to HDPBC data for project analysis if applicable.

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.