HDPBC
Health Data Platform

August 2026 Updates

Dear HDPBC User,

Please find below the **latest updates to the HDPBC's Trusted Analysis Environment (TAE-BC).**

Over the last months, several changes 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. We appreciate your continued engagement in providing feedback as we implement these changes. At HDPBC, our goal is to provide you with the best possible experience and ensure the platform remains a reliable, effective, and valuable resource to safely access health data.

Data Refreshes

- Healthideas Common and Reference Dimensions (HI)
- CIHI Population Grouping Methodology and CPOP Diagnosis Codes (CPOP)
- Chronic Disease Registry (CDR)
- Home and Community Care Minimum Reporting Requirements (HCC MRR)
- Medical Imaging Wait Times (MIWT)
- Population Extrapolation for Organizational Planning with Less Error (PEOPLE)
- Population and Environmental Risk Characteristics (PERC)
- COVID-19 Lab Test Data (PLIS_COVID)
- Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI)
- Vital Events - Birth (VEB)
- Vital Events - Death (VED)
- Vital Events - Stillbirth (VES)
- Surgical Patient Registry (SPR)*

*Please be advised that the Surgical Wait Times (SWT) dataset within the Trusted Analysis Environment BC (TAE-BC) has been renamed to Surgical Patient Registry (SPR) effective July 28, 2026.

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

Upcoming Data Refreshes

- Health System Matrix (HSM)
- BC Perinatal Data Registry (BCPDR)

For metadata information on the current datasets, please visit Data Sets.

HDPBC Project Types Update

Effective September 19th, 2026, HDPBC will return to two project types: **Research** and **Organizational**. Removing "organizational research" as a standalone type will simplify the application process for prospective applicants and the adjudication process for the Health Data Council and Data Stewardship Committee.

Impact:

1. Existing organizational research data access requests (DARs) will continue to be reviewed under the current criteria, including:
    a. New DARs submitted by September 18th, 2026, that have not yet been adjudicated.
    b. Active organizational research projects and related amendments.
2. Beginning September 19th, 2026, all new DARs must be submitted as either a research or organizational project.
3. In most cases, REB-approved research, including student thesis projects, should be submitted as a Research DAR through PopData BC. Consistent with current practice, approved projects require a research agreement between the Principal Applicant's institution and the Ministry of Health.
4. Organizational Designates will be asked to attest that an organizational project "is being undertaken for quality improvement, program evaluation, or performance review purposes and is not being conducted as research. Where there is uncertainty regarding whether Research Ethics Board review is required, guidance has been sought from the applicable REB."

Research projects should be submitted through PopData BC. Organizational projects should be submitted through the HDPBC Front Counter at MOHAnalytics@gov.bc.ca.

For future DAR submissions, consult your organization's HDPBC Point of Contact to determine whether your project should be classified as organizational or research.

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.