

**CONCEPT SHEET: MULTIREGIONAL ANALYSIS**

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| **Date of EC approval:** | *(to be added after EC approval)* |
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| **Title:** |  |
| **Concept Lead:**  Name, institution, IeDEA affiliation, email | Early-stage investigator\*  Not Applicable  If yes, please specify if this IeDEA research will be a direct component of a formal training program and whether it is linked to a grant.  Masters degree  PhD degree  Post-doctoral training  NIH D43  NIH K-series grant (K01, K08, K23, K43)  Other training-related grant, please specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Other non-training grant, please specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **Collaborators:**  Names, institutions, IeDEA affiliations | *(Name individuals who are expected to work with the Concept Lead to carry out this project. If the list is incomplete, please note if additional regional representatives are to be determined.)* |
| **IeDEA Liaison:**  Name, institution, email | *(This is required if the Concept Lead is external to IeDEA. The liaison is an MPI or an MPI-approved regional investigator who would work with the Concept Lead to accomplish the project aims and ensure adherence to global SOPs.)*  Not Applicable |
| **Lead Data Manager:**  Name, institution, IeDEA affiliation, email |  |
| **Lead Statistician:**  Name, institution, IeDEA affiliation, email |  |
| **Where will data be merged?** | *(Clarify if the analyses will be done at an institution other than that of the lead statistician.)* |
| **Working Group(s)** | Indicate which of the following IeDEA Working Groups are involved with the proposed project and would be responsible to review the concept and related research products. Please select all that apply.  AYANI  Cancer  Data Harmonization  Hepatitis  Mental Health  Mother & Infant  Pediatrics  Sentinel Research Network (SRN)  Site Assessment  Strategic Data  Substance Use  TB & Lung Health  TB Sentinel Research Network (TB-SRN)  Other, specify: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Not applicable |
| **Abstract:** (±200 words) | Background and objectives  Methods |
| **Project outline:**  (±1000 words)  Provide specific details about the study methods, using the IeDEA Data Exchange Standard tables for variables and definitions. | Background  Objectives and hypotheses  Study design  Eligibility criteria  Key variables and definitions  Outcomes  Data collection and statistical methods  Sample size considerations  References |
| **Ethics** (check all that apply)**:** | This concept uses the IeDEA standard dataset and is covered by the core IeDEA ethics approvals.  This concept uses other IeDEA data and is covered by supplemental IeDEA ethics approvals (e.g., SRN).  This concept requires additional collection of health-related data, measurements or tests, or sampling of biological material not included in IeDEA datasets. Additional ethics approval is required.\*\*  This concept does not fall into the ethics categories above.  *Describe why*: |
| **Dataset** (check all that apply)**:** | This concept requires new patient-level datasets.  The concept lead plans to request existing patient-level datasets generated for a previous concept. *(Datasets cannot be automatically reused. Data must be re-requested to allow sites/regions to opt out.)*  *Concept title:*  *Concept number*: MR\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  This concept uses IeDEA Site Assessment or other IeDEA survey data.  This concept does not use any IeDEA data (e.g., commentary). |
| **Target conference(s), journal(s):** |  |
| **Projected milestones:** | Circulation of concept sheet: <month and year>  Circulation of abstract: <conference name and year>  Circulation of draft paper: <month and year>  Submission to target journal: <month and year> |
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\*\*Details around additional review requirements need to be confirmed prior to study/analysis implementation.

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1. Please **ensure all sections have been completed** and the document is clean (edits and comments are removed). Instructions in italics may be deleted.
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4. Once the document is ready for submission to the EC, you can **upload it to the IeDEA Hub** at the following link: <https://redcap.link/iedeasubmit>.

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