



GPRD has a team of Pharmacoepidemiologists, biostatisticians and doctors based in the UK, USA and Europe. The team is under the leadership of Dr Tjeerd Van Staa, the second most published author of research using GPRD data. Tjeerd has held positions in academia and the pharmaceutical industry where he was the European qualified person for Pharmacovigilance. For the past 2 years he has been Head of Research at GPRD.

The research team has expertise in many clinical areas as well as different types of studies. It works both in SAS and Stata and naturally knows and understands GPRD data very well.

Services include full research, from protocol to report, on any of the following areas

- + Drug safety
- + Drug effectiveness
- + Risk Benefit assessment
- + Risk Management related to new products
- + Pharmaco-economics
- + Powering studies
- + Disease epidemiology
- + Genetic related research
- + Drug utilisation

Other services include advice on studies being conducted by others, additional utility of having text data made available for your own study and data cutting services to provide specific subsets of GPRD data.

The research team includes staff in:

- + UK - London based
- + USA - east coast
- + Germany
- + Netherlands

Want to know more?

Do you have a study you would like us to consider? Email: info@gprd.com



Verification services is an additional research facility provided by the GPRD Group. It enables researchers to validate the extensive information available in the GPRD by asking additional details or confirmation of facts by the doctors involved in the clinical care of patients within the GPRD database. This service operates using a series of key codes so that there is no potential for identification of patients or the release of personal information.

The vast majority of our GPRD GPs are able to provide further information in the form of hospital letters, discharge summaries, copies of death certificates or post mortem reports to confirm or elaborate on the electronic information in the GPRD. We are able to tailor the type of verification service you require according to your needs and budget by using sampling frames.

Since GPRD came into existence over 21 years ago, we have maintained this working relationship with over 460 GPRD practices. It is therefore possible to obtain confirmation from the lifelong follow-up of many patients.

Free text service

The clinical system from which GPRD obtains its data ensures high levels and quality of coding. However it also enables the addition of textual information appended to a coded item or as part of the overall record. This free text information can sometimes be critical to a research project as it improves the ability to differentiate patients in their overall care pathway. Importantly it can also be used to negate an otherwise differential diagnosis (Not XYZ).

GPRD has built a very powerful 'confirmation of anonymisation free text' tool that makes this service cost-effectively available for all text within GPRD (vast volumes). The additional text information required can be restricted to specific patients, event dates, conditions or outcomes and can also be tailored using a sampling frame to available budget.

All verification studies must be ISAC approved.

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