

OHT Data Sharing Agreement (DSA) Toolkit: Launch Webinar

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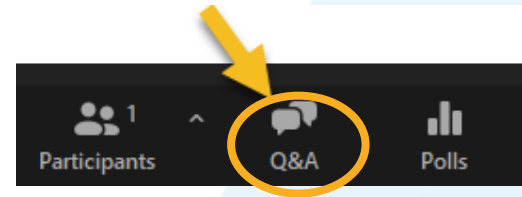
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Welcome

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Webinar Logistics

- This session will be recorded and materials will be circulated as soon as they are available post meeting.
- Please submit your questions via the Q&A box.
 - Questions will be answered during the Q&A portion of the webinar
 - Due to limited time, unanswered questions should be advanced to your OH regional digital point of contact and/or to rise@mcmaster.ca.
- While we will do our best to answer questions related to the DSA Tools, Ontario Health and RISE cannot provide legal or privacy advice/guidance.



Agenda

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
7 min	Welcome & Webinar Logistics	Ian Cummins <i>Director, Primary Care and OHT Strategy and Performance, Ontario Health</i>
3 min	Land Acknowledgement	Joanna deGraaf-Dunlop <i>Director, OHT Implementation, Ontario Health</i>
5 min	Why Data Sharing Matters for Integrated Care	Ian Cummins <i>Director, Primary Care and OHT Strategy and Performance, Ontario Health</i>
15 min	Overview of DSA Toolkit & What Comes Next	John Lavis <i>Co-lead, RISE</i>
25 min	Facilitated Q&A	Facilitator: John Lavis <i>Co-lead, RISE</i>
		Panel: • Daniel Michaluk <i>National Co-Leader, Privacy & Cybersecurity, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP</i> • Katherine Kresta <i>Senior Consultant, MD+A Health Solutions</i> • Lauren Black <i>General Counsel & Chief Legal, Privacy and Compliance Officer, VHA Home HealthCare</i>
2 min	Evaluation Poll	John Lavis <i>Co-lead, RISE</i>
3 min	Key Takeaways & Closing Remarks	Ian Cummins <i>Director, Primary Care and OHT Strategy and Performance, Ontario Health</i>

Land Acknowledgement



Why Data Sharing Matters for Integrated Care

Integrated care is only possible if health and social service providers can share health data (including PHI) in a timely fashion. Many of the clinical priorities being advanced by OHTs and PCNs require data-sharing across member organizations and providers

Examples of how data sharing enables achievement of TPA Priorities

- ✓ Identify primary care capacity and support matching of unattached patients to available providers, including consideration of language, equity, and geography (*Supported Attachment*)
- ✓ Support clearance of the HCC waitlist and provide coordinated interim support, navigation, and attachment readiness for unattached patients.
- ✓ Enables coordinated patient identification, attachment, and navigation across multiple entry points in the system, ensuring they are connected to primary care and appropriate care pathways (HF/COPD/ Diabetes).
- ✓ Support transitions for ALC and other patients in home care and other community settings

Standardized approaches to privacy and data sharing, which are based on applicable privacy legislation, will enable OHTs and PCNs to advance integrated care delivery

- **Overview of data-sharing agreement (DSA) toolkit**
 - RISE-convened support team
 - Data sharing and privacy as a means to an end of supporting TPA deliverables
 - **Data sharing agreement (DSA) toolkit**
 - DSA template
 - Four tools to support DSA
 - ✓ Frequently asked questions (FAQs)
 - ✓ Decision tree
 - ✓ Roadmap for 'new project' data sharing and governance
 - ✓ Data sharing 'role' decision framework
- What comes next
 - Optional OHT data sharing and privacy capability self-assessment
 - Community of practice (CoP)
 - Coming in the fall and winter
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RISE-convened support team for data sharing and privacy

- Daniel Michaluk, National Co-Leader, Privacy & Cybersecurity, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP (BLG)
 - Krystin Chung, BLG
- Katherine Kresta, Senior Consultant, MD+A Health Solutions
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Data sharing and privacy as a means to an end of supporting TPA deliverables

- OHT DSA toolkit (now) and OHT privacy toolkit (to come)
 - Positive framing (data sharing) and 'negative' framing (privacy)
 - Goal (data sharing) and a constraint in achieving it (privacy)
- Alignments to TPA deliverables
 - E.g., increase participation in cancer screening (deliverable 4)
 - E.g., advance chronic disease prevention and management (CDPM) activities, particularly for those living with heart failure and COPD (deliverable 5)

Data-sharing agreement (DSA) toolkit

→ see link to the RISE website where all of these can be found

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Data-sharing agreement (DSA) toolkit (2): DSA template

Section	Purpose
7 articles	1) Definitions of terms 2) Foundation for data sharing, including good data governance 3) Five ‘means’ of data sharing (which we return to in tool 2, a decision tree to help select an appropriate ‘lane’) a) three ‘lanes’ for sharing personal health information i. within the ‘circle of care’ (i.e., to provide or assist in the provision of healthcare) for health information custodians, or HICs, and their service providers (which we return to in 4b below) ii. with express consent iii. to prevent harm b) one ‘lane’ for sharing de-identified data (which we return to later in this RISE brief when addressing Indigenous data and the OCAP® principles, as well as by Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and the Principles of Ethical Métis Research where applicable) c) one ‘lane’ for sharing confidential business information 4) Two approaches to electronic data sharing a) via a service provider (which can be documented in schedule C) that handles personal health information on behalf of another member for that member’s purposes (which could be a HINP and which we return to in tool 4) b) via access to an information system (e.g., CHRIS for sharing home care data) 5) Collaboration necessary for data sharing, including an OHT collaboration council or equivalent 6) Approach to liability and indemnification, including requirements for cyber insurance or equivalent 7) General provisions such as amendment
5 schedules	A) Minimum privacy and security standard that provides the expectations for the organizations (HICs such as primary-care physicians or teams) involved in data sharing B) Consent form for a client to permit a HIC to disclose their personal health information under the terms of ‘lane 2’ to other HICs and their service providers (e.g., HINPs), and the consent form has highlighted fields in which to add C) Schedule of services provided by service provider (e.g., HINP) D) Provisions for data protection (e.g., compliance with privacy legislation, access requests, data security program, and data incidents) E) Adhesion agreement that binds the signing parties to the DSA.

Data-sharing agreement (DSA) toolkit (3): Four tools to support DSA

Tools	Purpose	Description & related links
1) Frequently asked questions (FAQ)	Answers questions about how data sharing works under the DSA template (and PHIPA)	4 pages in a clickable format with 18 questions & answers (primarily for use by OHTs and PCNs) Guidelines: De-identifying data
2) Decision tree	Helps to select a 'lane' for sharing data under the DSA: 1) sharing PHI within the 'circle of care' 2) sharing PHI with express consent 3) sharing PHI to prevent harm 4) sharing de-identified data, including Indigenous data 5) sharing confidential business information	1 page printable flow chart, as well as a version that 'zooms in' on particular sections of the flow chart (primarily for use by HICs)
3) Roadmap for 'new project' data sharing and governance	Helps to operationalize data sharing – under the DSA template – with any 'new project' (e.g., improving chronic disease prevention and management, increasing primary-care access and attachment) in five phases: 1) project foundation and governance alignment (initial project scoping and executive leadership engagement) 2) technical and legal architecture design (system architecture decision, organizational roles and responsibilities, and legal framework development) 3) risk assessment (identification, risk treatment / mitigation planning, appropriate additional assurance) 4) implementation (stakeholder engagement, including respecting Indigenous data sovereignty, and training and competency program) 5) 'go live' (pilot implementation, full rollout)	11-page document in a clickable format (primarily for use by OHTs and PCNs)
4) Data sharing 'role' decision framework	Helps to assess organizational readiness and other considerations for serving as an agent or HINP for other HICs (or overseeing a HINP) under PHIPA: 1) HIC-agent (which is the most common model now being used and which involves one organization serving as an agent for one or more other HICs) 2) Health Information Network Provider (HINP, such as Ontario Health being a HINP for CHRIS) 3) managing member (who oversees an external organization that serves as a HINP)	5-page document in a clickable format listing questions to spur reflection before a decision and appropriate next steps (primarily for use by OHTs and PCNs supporting OHT partners in taking on any of these three key roles) Tips about providing electronic services

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Optional OHT data sharing and privacy capability self-assessment

- Rationale
 - Set the stage for future work with a baseline and input to the design of future supports
- Format
 - Completed on a call involving privacy leads from all member organizations
 - One section about network (OHT) level issues and two sections requiring aggregation from the organizational level
 - 20 to 30 minutes
- Domains covered
 - Network-level data sharing and privacy governance and enablement
 - Organizational data sharing and privacy practices (aggregated to the network level)
 - Organizational data sharing and privacy enablers: Staff, leadership, supports, readiness (aggregated to the network level)
- Timing
 - Likely to launch on or around Monday 17 August
 - Likely to close on or around Friday 4 September

Community of practice (CoP)

- Supports starting now
 - Dedicated webpage with the DSA toolkit and launch webinar recording added to the RISE website
 - Online 30-minute drop-in sessions (weekly then shifting to bi-weekly or monthly depending on demand)
 - Possible DSA template sessions
 - ✓ Walk through of the DSA template
 - ✓ Worked example of the DSA template applied to a specific use case
 - ✓ Q&A about the DSA template
 - Possible DSA tool sessions
 - ✓ Walk through of the decision tree to select a 'lane' for sharing data under the DSA (tool 2)
 - ✓ Walk through of the roadmap for 'new project' data sharing and governance (tool 3)
 - ✓ Walk through of the data sharing 'role' decision framework (tool 4)
- Activities launching in the fall
 - Posts and responding to posts in a new online space in Quorum

Coming in the fall and winter

- OHT privacy toolkit to complement the OHT data-sharing agreement (DSA) toolkit
 - E.g., plain-language summary of integrated-care obligations, data sharing and privacy
 - E.g., privacy training and awareness materials outlining baseline PHIPA obligations, common roles, and high-level safeguards relevant to integrated-care initiatives
 - E.g., role-based privacy competency framework
 - E.g., executive-level briefing materials
- Workshop training series (August through November)
- Updated or 'living' versions of DSA tools
- 'Pulse-check' surveys (quarterly)

Questions that may benefit from a review of the available research evidence and a jurisdictional scan

- Impact of data sharing on integrated-care outcomes
- Others?

Facilitator

- John Lavis, Co-lead, RISE

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Evaluation Poll

Key Takeaways

The OHT Data Sharing Agreement (DSA) Tools are now available to support local data sharing initiatives.

- The tools are intended to provide practical, consistent guidance for common privacy and data sharing challenges.
- OHTs and PCNs can begin reviewing and applying the tools to current and future initiatives.

Additional supports are coming, including:

- Optional OHT Data Sharing & Privacy Capability Self-Assessment
- Community of Practice and drop-in support opportunities
- Workshop Training Series
- OHT Privacy Toolkit

Ontario Health and RISE remain committed to supporting implementation and adoption across the province.

Closing Remarks

Thank you