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Data Sharing Plan

This application proposes to create centralized data repository in the administrative core. Thus data sharing is expected for the main studies in the Center, as well as any pilot studies or other project's using these resources. The data sharing plan has three components. First data sharing is planned within the Center's projects in order to maximize the effort of both investigators and participants, through the use of shared instruments and shared databases. Second, these datasets will also be shared, in de-identified fashion with internal UW investigators during the life of the project. Third, all datasets will be made available to external investigators, with a user agreement to protect confidentiality of human subjects.

Expected Schedule for Data Sharing

The proposed common instruments and data core outlined in the administrative core of this application will facilitate data sharing among the Center investigators throughout the life of the grant. Access levels will be set to protect masking of intervention status while intervention studies are ongoing. Unique identifiers that are linked to participant identity will be stripped as data enter the common database, and will not be stored on any of the central computer databases. Genetic polymorphism data will be a part of each participant's data file in order to complete proposed analyses regarding characteristics predictive of symptoms and response to intervention. However, due to the sensitive nature of these data, genetic variables will be removed from de-identified participant files made available to other investigators, both internal and external.

Data will be made available to internal UW users as part of pilot studies as soon as the core databases are closed and the primary analyses completed, likely in year 05. Data will be available to outside investigators within 6 months of publication of the primary analyses from each of the three main projects.

Data Sharing with External Users

The proposed research will include data from approximately XXX human participants being screened and treated for X. The final dataset will include self-reported demographic and behavioral data from interview, self-report questionnaires, [other data specific to project]. We will not provide genetic polymorphism data linked to individual records because of the sensitive nature of these data. Although the final dataset will be stripped of individual identifiers prior to release for sharing, we believe that there remains the possibility of deductive disclosure of participants with unusual characteristics. Thus, we will make the data and associated documentation available to users only under a data-sharing agreement that provides for: (1) a commitment to using the data only for research purposes and not to identify any individual participant; (2) a commitment to securing the data using appropriate computer technology; and (3) a commitment to destroying or returning the data after analyses are completed. Such a data use agreement will be executed through the Administrative core. The data base can then be accessed via our secure website, in a format that can be used by a variety of statistical software.

As we set up the common database, as described in the Administrative Core, we will determine if it is possible to construct the sharing database in such a manner that individual identification is not possible. Should that be the case, during year 05, we will prepare a database suitable for deposition in an archival site.