



## ABOG Data Request Form

Thank you for your interest in the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ABOG) data. We have a responsibility to protect the confidentiality of the data we provide, including Protected Health Information (PHI), Personally Identifiable Information (PII), and other confidential and/or sensitive information. As such, we will not be able to provide any data that is not deidentified.

To request use of ABOG's data for your purposes, please complete the following form and email it to [asparks@abog.org](mailto:asparks@abog.org). Completion of this form does not guarantee that any data will be shared.

There are two submission deadlines for data requests annually: April 15 and October 15. Data requests are reviewed twice a year by ABOG's Research and Innovation Committee. Multiple factors are taken into consideration during the review process including, but not limited to, alignment with ABOG's mission, ABOG's resources, and ABOG's current projects, among other factors.

For each of these submission deadlines, you will receive your response by July 15 and February 15, respectively.

Please ensure adequate details are provided in the request form to allow for a thorough review. Incomplete requests will not be considered, will be marked as incomplete, and will be returned.

If your request is approved, please note that you may be asked for more details and to sign an ABOG Data Sharing Agreement. The agreement will have requirements to protect the confidentiality of the data, and it may restrict usage of the data. The agreement will also have requirements for including co-principal investigators, authorship, and/or acknowledgement.

If you are conducting a research study, please also ensure your data/research request aligns with ABOG's research mission and strategic priorities listed below, and that your project requires proof of Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval or exemption prior to submission.



***ABOG’s Research Mission Statement***

ABOG will conduct research, both internally and collaboratively with external partners, to assess the relevance and value of initial and continuous certification and to better understand the relationship of certification to GME training, practice outcomes, and lifelong learning.

***ABOG’s Strategic Priorities for Research***

ABOG has identified core topics as high priorities for research. These include:

- The relevance and/or value of initial certification
- The relevance and/or value of continuing certification
- Pipeline to certification (residency and fellowship training)
- Practice patterns of certified OB GYNs and/or subspecialists
- *Psychometrics and optimization of ABOG assessments (not in scope for external entities)*
- *Innovations in assessment research (not in scope for external entities)*

**1. Requester’s Information**

Name:	
Position/Title:	
Institution:	
Phone Number:	Email Address:
Office Address:	
Title of Project:	
Data Request <b>Deadline</b> :	Project Timeline (Start and End Date):
If you have co-investigators, please list names and organizations:	

**2. Purpose:**

- Requesting aggregate data for purposes of dissemination (slide, report, etc.); not a research study
- Requesting aggregate data for purposes of use in advocacy or for making a business decision; not a research study
- Requesting data for conducting a research study, with little to no ABOG assistance
- Requesting data for conducting a research study with intent to use ABOG manpower/resources
- Other (please describe):

**3. Data:**

(a) Data fields being requested (some fields requested may or may not be available):	
(b) One-time or recurrent request:	
One Time <input type="checkbox"/>	Recurrent <input type="checkbox"/>

**Complete questions #4-6, only if you are requesting data for a research study.**

- Not a research study

4. Please include the purpose, background, hypothesis, research questions, methods/analysis, and resources required of ABOG. In addition, please explain the importance of the study to Obstetrics and Gynecology or a subspecialty and your proposed dissemination of the results. If this is an operational investigation (i.e., calculation of means, trends, descriptives, etc.), list how you intend to analyze and use the data.

5. Have you obtained IRB approval or exemption?

- Yes *(please attach when sending Data and Research Request Form)*
- Not yet – looking to collaborate with ABOG for the study
- No *Please explain why an IRB approval or exemption is not required*

6. Please list the relevant published studies (if any) related to this project.