



## What is ICES?

Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences - [website](#)

ICES is a not-for-profit research institute encompassing a community of research, data and clinical experts, and a secure and accessible array of Ontario's health-related data.

## ICES Primary Care Research Program

The Primary Care and Population Health Research Program researches the accessibility and effectiveness of primary health care, and issues in population health. Researchers are currently examining the performance of primary care reform models, the use of electronic medical records for research and quality improvement. We have developed methods to examine the burden of chronic conditions, infectious diseases, and injury; the causes of ill health, the effectiveness of public health interventions, and aboriginal health.

## What is ICES Data

The [ICES Data Repository](#) consists of record-level, coded and linkable health data sets. It encompasses much of the publicly funded **administrative health services records** for the Ontario population eligible for universal health coverage since 1986 and is capable of integrating research-specific data, registries and surveys. Currently, the repository includes health service records for as many as 13 million people

## Working with ICES data ([privacy aspects](#))

ICES is a prescribed entity for the purposes of section 45 Ontario's Personal Health Information Privacy Act. This means that health information custodians — like physicians, hospitals or long-term care homes — are permitted to disclose personal health information about their patients to ICES without consent. This information is for statistical analysis in order to evaluate and monitor aspects of the health system.

## ICES and AFHTO

[Rick Glazier](#) is our contact at ICES. He is a senior scientist and lead of the Primary Care & Population Health Research Program. Rick is actively involved in our QIDS Program and D2D initiative as a member of the QIDS Steering Committee. Through Rick we have access to relevant data that helps reflect the value of team-based care in Ontario.

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