

Protocol Summary
(Five page limit, please)

I. Précis

(Summary of proposed project, not to exceed 100 words)

II. Background and significance

(Brief background and rationale for proposed study)

III. Objectives

(List specific research questions/hypotheses and objectives)

IV. Methods

(Summarize methods and outline proposed analyses, including description of study subjects and cancer site(s)/stage(s) to be included in the analysis cohort selection criteria; covariates; and outcomes)

V. Datasets requested

(List the specific Patterns of Care datasets that are being requested for use in this project, the specific variables requested from these datasets, and why POC data are needed for the analyses)

VI. Timeline

(Provide a timetable for accomplishing the research objectives)

VII. Funding sources

(List all sources of funding that will support the proposed project)

VIII. List of proposed personnel

(Specify name[s] and role[s] in proposed project)

IX. Confidentiality

(Describe steps that will be taken to maintain the confidentiality of patients, physicians, and institutions represented in the research database)