

# How Did You Get My Cancer Information?



## **Why does the Wisconsin Cancer Reporting System (WCRS) have my information?**

Wisconsin law requires your doctor to report information about your cancer diagnosis and treatment, as well as patient characteristics, to the WCRS. The WCRS is a statewide population-based registry that collects and maintains information on new cancer cases diagnosed and/or treated in Wisconsin. It also supports a wide variety of research studies. The WCRS is part of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health.

## **How do you protect my information?**

Protecting patient confidentiality and protected health information is important to the WCRS. All research studies are reviewed and approved by an Institutional Review Board and the Division of Public Health Data Governance Board to make sure it follows state and national rules for research before sharing your information.

## **Why did the WCRS share my information?**

For this study, researchers want to learn more about patients like you. Because they want to hear from as many people as they can, they contacted the WCRS to help them find patients to enroll in their study. This research will help them better understand cancer and help eliminate or reduce the impact of the disease.

## **Does the WCRS sell my data to researchers?**

No, the WCRS does not sell patient information.

## **Can I remove my information from the WCRS?**

No, state law doesn't allow you to remove your information from the registry. If you don't want to be contacted for research studies that use WCRS data, please email:

[DHSWCRSDataRequests@dhs.wisconsin.gov](mailto:DHSWCRSDataRequests@dhs.wisconsin.gov).

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