

The use of administrative data collections by government, by researchers, and for data linkage, has largely occurred without informed consent. To get around the need for informed consent we have extensive review processes in place to establish that public benefit outweighs risk to individual privacy and therefore justifies the use of data without consent. If informed consent was obtained at the time of data collection, much of our cumbersome governance process could be streamlined. Informed consent would also provide a direct indication of community participation and necessarily provide a direct connection between the community and how their data is being used.