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RETROSPECTIVE DATABASE STUDY REQUESTS

STEP 1

- Define research question, hypothesis and study variables. See [Periop Data Request tool*](#) for available data fields & guidance.

STEP 2

- Submit to CTRC for assistance & approval [here*](#).

STEP 3

- Meet with Dr. Whitehurst to refine query request. Dr. Whitehurst presents succinct version to data analytics team.
- Data team estimates work hours & reports to CTRC.

STEP 4

- After CTRC and IRB approval, projects will be either:
 - 1) **Fast Track** - rapid turnaround (please see [Periop Data Request Tool*](#) for timelines)
 - 2) **Standard Query** - data turnaround time varies by complexity of data request. After CTRC and IRB approval, data analyst builds query and communicates with researchers and Dr. Whitehurst with questions and posts results.

FAST TRACK

- **Fast Track (available in these scenarios):**
 - Request identified as simple, data analyst proceeds directly to pull data and post results.
 - Experienced researchers submit a Query Specification that is complete and require few or no refinements, data analyst proceeds directly to pull data and post results.
 - Data analyst meets and/or emails with researchers and cc's Dr. Whitehurst; posts results