Domain 6: Types of data and potential requirements for setting up a screening programme



Preparing to introduce organised screening involves establishing what data are required to monitor and evaluate the programme for quality improvement. This resource explores top-line examples of the types of data that might be needed to support the set-up of an organised screening programme, and existing data management systems that the programme may be required to access within each health system. A range of national and international examples of sources of data have also been provided.

This list is not intended to be exhaustive.

Purpose	Examples of data	Example data sources
Identifying the target population	Lung cancer incidence mortality	Population survey data
		Population-based cancer registries
		Global Cancer Observatory
		European Cancer Information System ²
Identifying the target population	Socioeconomic data	Population health survey data
		World Bank Health, Nutrition and Population statistics (range of data) ³
		OECD Health Statistics (range of data) ⁴
		European Cancer Inequalities Registry ⁵
		Demographic and Health Surveys ⁶
		Insurance databases
	Smoking prevalence and smoking history	Population survey data
Identifying the target population		• Global Burden of Disease 2019 (GBD Compare) ⁷
Recruitment		Global Tobacco Control Progress Hub ⁸
Residentificati		Primary care electronic medical records
	Lung cancer comorbidities	Disease-specific registries
		• European Medicines Agency inventory of patient registries ⁹
		• National Institutes of Health list of registries (US example) ¹⁰
Identifying the target population		International data sets
Recruitment		• Global Burden of Disease 2019 (GBD Compare) ⁷
Recording		Electronic medical records
		Hospital admissions data
		NHS Hospital Episode Statistics (UK example) ¹¹
Recruitment	Medical and personal information for each participant	Electronic medical records
		Electoral roll
		Insurance databases

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Training, equipment setup and quality assurance	Existing thoracic computed tomography (CT) scans Data to calibrate CT scanner Protocol data	Hospital Picture and Archiving Communications System (PACS) Other repositories (e.g. sets of scans collected from randomised-controlled trials, manufacturer data sets) • The Cancer Imaging Archive (National Cancer Institute) ¹² • The International Clinical Trials Registry Platform (World Health Organization) ¹³ Electronic medical records (communicating results to primary care)
Monitoring and evaluation	Participant outcome data (e.g. cancer detection rate, false positive rates, incidental findings, number of invasive procedures for nodules not found to be cancer, participation rate, adherence rate between screening rounds)	Population-based cancer registry (via linkages with screening programme data) ¹⁴ Electronic medical records Cancer screening registries (an example of how these might be setup for other cancers is <u>CanScreen5 project</u>) ¹⁴
Future research (e.g. to improve recruitment)	Biospecimens (e.g. blood samples)	National/regional or local biobanks • Global Biobank Engine ¹⁵ • Global Biobank Meta-analysis initiative ¹⁶ Research institution databases

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