

EMIF Deliverable 10.5: Final version of the EMIF Code of Practice

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This EMIF Code of Practice (ECoP) has been developed in order to help ensure that the EMIF Platform and Services are used in ways that comply with legislation and policies on data protection and confidentiality, that EMIF upholds best practices in the protection of personal privacy and that it promotes best practices in the conduct of clinical research using health data, for the public good. This ECoP builds on, and fully complies with, the IMI Code of Practice on secondary use of medical data in scientific research projects. The ECoP provides a more detailed specification of how the EMIF project and future EMIF service users may comply with the IMI Code of Practice.

This document is the final project version of the ECoP. It has been updated and simplified, taking on board the feedback from evaluations that were undertaken in preparation for some of the EMIF Use Case studies. It covers the main EMIF services: the Catalogue, Suitability and Feasibility services, and then the conduct of research analysis using the PRRE or other trusted party services. More work exploiting this EcoP will continue after the end of the formal EMIF project, to develop more practical guidance materials and tools (e.g. templates, checklists) derived from it, to enable easy adoption. These materials will be contributed into the new IMI Project EHDEN, to build on as it develops a large scale pan-European data source federation.

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