Glossary

Accounting of Disclosures - An accounting of disclosures is a record of when and how a patient's protected health information (PHI) has been shared. It's a requirement under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Enterprise Data Warehouse - A repository of clinical data sourced from VCUHS Electronic Health Records (EHR) and other sources used by the Wright Center Honest Brokers to create datasets for research.

Honest Broker - An Honest Broker is a neutral third-party responsible for identifying cohorts of patients for inclusion in research studies and providing a study team with clinical information about them. Honest Brokers are not part of the team for a particular research study (i.e., is not one of the investigators, study coordinators, statisticians, or data analysts on a research study). An Honest Broker for a study may not be a co-author on any publication for that same study.

Principal Investigator (PI) - The Principal Investigator is responsible for the management and integrity of the design, conduct, and reporting of the research project.

Identified dataset - Individually identifiable health information collected and received by VCUHS from a VCUHS patient.

Limited dataset - Protected Health Information that excludes direct identifiers of individuals or of their relatives, employers, or household members of the individual.

De-identified dataset - Data from which certain information has been removed or coded, such that there is no reasonable basis to believe that the information can be used to identify an individual or the relatives, employers, or household members of the individual.