



### **Mood Outcomes Program Data Use Summary**

This document provides a high-level summary of the NNDC Mood Outcomes Program Data Use Policy. It is intended for informational purposes only and does not replace the complete policy. The full Data Use Policy is available upon request by contacting [nndc@nndc.org](mailto:nndc@nndc.org).

#### **Purpose**

The Mood Outcomes Program supports measurement-based care, quality improvement, and research aimed at improving outcomes for individuals living with depression, bipolar disorder, and related mood disorders.

#### **Data Privacy**

- Patient privacy and confidentiality are central to the program.
- Protected Health Information (PHI) is not made available for research purposes.
- Research activities use de-identified data whenever appropriate.

#### **Data Ownership**

Participating NNDC member centers retain ownership of the data they contribute to the Mood Outcomes Program.

#### **Data Requests**

NNDC member centers may request de-identified data for approved research, scholarly, and quality improvement projects. Requests are reviewed through established governance and oversight processes.

#### **Collaboration with External Organizations**

NNDC welcomes collaborations with healthcare organizations, researchers, foundations, government agencies, and industry partners that share a commitment to advancing mental health care.

Key principles include:

- NNDC does not sell Mood Outcomes Program data.
- External organizations do not receive direct access to the data repository.
- Data sets and data extracts are not released to outside organizations.
- Approved projects focus on answering important clinical, scientific, quality improvement, or implementation questions.
- Analyses are conducted through NNDC and participating member centers, with collaborators receiving findings and results rather than the underlying data.

#### **Governance and Oversight**

Use of Mood Outcomes Program data is overseen by the Mood Outcomes Steering Committee and NNDC leadership. Additional approvals may be required based on the nature of the project and participating organizations.

#### **Questions?**

For information about data requests, collaborations, research opportunities, or to obtain a copy of the full Data Use Policy, please contact: [nndc@nndc.org](mailto:nndc@nndc.org)