

# PUBLIC USE OF APIRE PRN DATABASES

Data from the American Psychiatric Institute for Research and Education (APIRE)'s Practice Research Network (PRN) is available to external investigators. The PRN databases, which include the *Study of Psychiatric Patients and Treatments* (SPPT) and the *National Survey of Psychiatric Practice* (NSPP), are clinically detailed and provide information on a large national sample of psychiatrists and patients in the full range of public and private, managed and non-managed practice settings. The data have been effectively used to study a broad range of clinical and policy issues, including patterns of treatment for specific disorders, quality of care, and access and patterns of care in different types of health plans and systems of care.

An outline of the domains of information collected from the studies is presented below.

Researchers interested in using these unique databases to develop and disseminate mental health clinical and services research findings are encouraged to contact the PRN Director, Joyce C. West, Ph.D., MPP, at [jwest@psych.org](mailto:jwest@psych.org) or telephone 1-800-713-7123.

National Survey of Psychiatric Practice (NSPP)	Study of Psychiatric Patients and Treatment (SPPT)
<p><b>Psychiatrist Characteristics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age and gender</li> <li>• Race and ethnicity</li> <li>• Training</li> </ul> <p><b>Professional Activities/Work Setting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Type of activity and time spent in activity during last typical work week</li> <li>• Type of work setting for direct patient care and time spent during last typical work week</li> <li>• Medical school affiliation status</li> </ul> <p><b>Patient Care Workload</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of patients seen during last typical work week</li> <li>• Number of new patients seen during last typical work month</li> </ul> <p><b>Characteristics of Patients Seen During Last Typical Work Week (Caseload Estimates)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age and gender</li> <li>• Race and ethnicity</li> <li>• Setting and locus of care</li> <li>• Insurance coverage and health plan</li> <li>• Primary diagnostic category and treatments</li> </ul> <p><b>Characteristics of Reimbursement for Direct Patient Care</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total income</li> <li>• Type of reimbursement</li> <li>• Fee discounting</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sociodemographic Characteristics of Patients</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age and gender</li> <li>• Race and ethnicity</li> <li>• Education level</li> <li>• Marital status</li> </ul> <p><b>Diagnostic Information (DSM-IV Axes I-V)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Principal diagnosis</li> <li>• Other mental disorders and personality disorders</li> <li>• General medical conditions</li> <li>• Psychosocial and environmental problems</li> <li>• Global assessment of functioning</li> <li>• Other clinical information, including symptoms, severity, presence of disability in various areas</li> </ul> <p><b>Current Mental Health Treatments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Types of treatments provided (including specific psychopharmacologic agents &amp; dosage)</li> <li>• Setting and locus of care</li> <li>• Treatments by other providers</li> </ul> <p><b>Mental Health Treatment History</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Timing and frequency</li> <li>• Prior hospitalizations for psychiatric disorders</li> </ul> <p><b>Future Treatment Plans</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Timing and frequency</li> </ul> <p><b>Financing of Care</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Source of payment</li> <li>• Type of health plan</li> <li>• Psychiatrist payment method</li> <li>• Utilization management mechanisms</li> <li>• Impact of financial considerations on treatments provided</li> </ul>