The WHI Virtual Data Enclave (VDE)

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What is the VDE?

- A secure computing platform housed at the CCC
- Provides access to sensitive data not available outside of the CCC
- Self-contained analysis environment with statistical software, data and documentation
- Accessed remotely over the internet using Remote Desktop Connection (PC or Mac)
VDE - Data

- Medicare (CMS)
- Address geocodes
- Dates (e.g. rand/enroll date, birth date)
- Latest WHI datasets from whi.org
- Access to data is determined by an approved analysis
- User data can be imported
VDE - Software

- SAS
- Stata
- R
- Microsoft Office
- User code can be imported
Connect over the internet using Remote Desktop Connection

Windows desktop with shortcuts to software and data folders

User folders are private and secure

Pre-mapped access to the appropriate WHI data
The VDE does not allow:

- Internet access
- Copying files into or out of the VDE
- Printing
- Screen shots

User files are backed up to a secure server.
Transferring Files Out of the VDE

- Files are reviewed by CCC staff for compliance with confidentiality restrictions and conformance with your study proposal.
- File content that is considered restricted is redacted prior to the release of the file.
Requesting Access to the VDE

- Approved Manuscript or ancillary study proposal
- Submit a VDE Intake Form
- Local IRB approval
- Sign a Data Use Agreement
- Base fee of $3000
- More information is available at whi.org in the Researchers/Data section
Questions?