

## Frequently Asked Questions

### The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) Registry Analytics Institute® FAQs

**1) What is the AAOS Registry Analytics Institute®?**

In February of 2019, AAOS announced the launch of the AAOS Registry Analytics Institute. Clinicians and clinician-scientists have the opportunity to submit proposals for analytic insights. The goal of the Institute is to provide a resource to the scientific community to further understand and improve orthopaedic and musculoskeletal care by making analyses available to examine outcomes related to orthopaedic treatment. The structure of the Institute utilizes the American Joint Replacement Registry (AJRR) Research Projects Subcommittee (RPS) to provide oversight and constructive peer review of all data analysis request applications.

**2) Who can request this data analysis?**

Investigators with a well-defined hypothesis related to orthopaedics or musculoskeletal care are encouraged to apply. For this initiative, “investigators” do not include representatives from industry, federal agencies, commercial entities, insurance companies, administrative databases, or hospital consortia.

**3) How do I request access to this data analysis?**

There will be three application cycles opened annually. The application deadline for the first cycle in 2020 is March 13, with two additional cycles occurring throughout the year. As applications make their way through the review process, they will be evaluated by AAOS Registry Analytics staff, the AJRR RPS, and the AAOS Data Committee, which consists of surgeon and industry leaders. Application and details are located [here](#).

**4) What are the dates of this year’s application cycles?**

Seasonal Cycle	Opens	Preliminary Application Due Date	Feasibility Assessments Completed	RPS Grading Completed and Applicants Notified of Final Decisions
Cycle 3 - 2019	October 18, 2019	December 2, 2019	February 10, 2020	April 17, 2020
Cycle 1 - 2020	February 3, 2020	March 13, 2020	May 4, 2020	July 17, 2020
Cycle 2 - 2020	June 8, 2020	July 13, 2020	September 1, 2020	December 4, 2020
Cycle 3 - 2020	October 5, 2020	November 16, 2020	February 1, 2021	April 5, 2021

*\* Applications can be submitted until 7:00 p.m. (Central Standard Time) on the day of the deadline. Submissions received after the deadline will be deferred to the next review cycle.*

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**5) What happens when my application is approved?**

Applicants whose projects are approved will work directly with the AAOS Registry Analytics team to develop a plan and timeline. At the completion of the project, investigators will receive a completed, de-identified analysis.

**6) What type of data is available for research projects?**

The Registry Program collects data related to procedures and post-operative care. Depending on your request, your analyses may be limited to a  $\geq 65$  years of age population. View a full list of AJRR data elements [here](#).

**7) Does the AAOS Registry Analytics Institute provide funding?**

The AAOS Registry Analytics Institute provides eligible applicants with funding to support approved projects. Funds are intended for use towards travel related expenses and registration to supported conferences for presentation of their Registry Analytics Institute project. Awards are based upon merit and funding availability. Learn more [here](#).

**8) Are there limits or restrictions on how the data can be used or published?**

Depending on how the data will be used (i.e., manuscripts, scientific journals, etc.) it may be subject to review. Each approved project will work with the AAOS Registry Analytics team to help through this process. The publication policies can be found [here](#).

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