

65-177. Study of diseases and deaths from maternal, perinatal and anesthetic causes; "data" defined; confidentiality, use; admissibility as evidence; reports, contents. (a) The term "data" as used in K.S.A. 65-177 through 65-179, and amendments thereto, shall be construed to include all facts, information, records of interviews, written reports, statements, notes, or memoranda secured in connection with an authorized medical research study.

(b) The secretary of health and environment shall receive data secured in connection with medical research studies conducted for the purpose of reducing morbidity or mortality from maternal, perinatal and anesthetic causes. Such studies may be conducted by the secretary of health and environment and staff or with other qualified persons, agencies or organizations. If such studies are conducted with any funding not provided by the state of Kansas, then the source of such funding shall be clearly identified in such study. Where authorization to conduct such a study is granted by the secretary of health and environment, all data voluntarily made available to the secretary of health and environment in connection with such study shall be treated as confidential and shall be used solely for purposes of medical research. Research files and opinions expressed upon the evidence found in such research shall not be admissible as evidence in any action in any court or before any other tribunal, except that statistics or tables resulting from such data shall be admissible and may be received as evidence. This section shall not affect the right of any patient or such patient's guardians, representatives or heirs to require hospitals, physicians, sanatoriums, rest homes, nursing homes or other persons or agencies to furnish such patient's hospital record to such patient's representatives upon written authorization, or the admissibility in evidence thereof.

(c) No employee of the secretary of health and environment shall interview any patient named in any such report, nor any relative of any such patient, unless otherwise provided in K.S.A. 65-2422d, and amendments thereto. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the publication by the secretary of health and environment or a duly authorized cooperating person, agency or organization, of final reports or statistical compilations derived from morbidity or mortality studies, which reports or compilations do not identify individuals, associations, corporations or institutions which were the subjects of such studies, or reveal sources of information.

History: L. 1961, ch. 289, § 1; L. 1974, ch. 352, § 46; L. 2010, ch. 143, § 1; May 27.