## Data Use Agreement (DUA)

**Shahroud Eye Cohort Study (ShECS)**

**Introduction**

# The Shahroud Eye Cohort Study (SHECS)is one of the largest and comprehensive cohorts of visual impairments Launched in 2009.

# In order to maximize the utilization of the data sets of the SHECS, the SHECS has implemented policies involving the use of the data with the following objectives:

# Maintain the integrity of the study data;

# Maintain the privacy of the study data;

# Maximize participation of students, staff, postdoctoral fellows, and faculties;

# Increase interdisciplinary work through involving as many researchers, students, and staff as possible;

# Minimize duplicated and parallel efforts;

Prior to using the SHECS Data, please read this agreement carefully. Finally, please see the list of publications at: <shecs.ir>

**Procedures for submitting requests to use SHECS Data**

Any collaboration may be requested by researchers affiliated with a recognized academic or commercial.

Following steps are needed for national and international collaborations.

* 1. All researchers desiring to use SHECS data set(s) will be required to submit a proposal and sign the below form.
  2. Individuals in various categories of users will review this proposal to ascertain if it overlaps with any other ongoing or planned research. Although collaboration is suggested and encouraged, it is not a necessity.
  3. In cases where an abstract is reviewed and there is substantial overlap with ongoing or planned analyses or writing, the person in question will be encouraged to contact the relevant person already working in this area.

### User will receive an approval letter upon approval of proposal.

### For single analysis which usually ends to a scientific article, data analysis will be carried out by Principal Investigators of SHECS.

### In other large studies, data sets will be provided to researchers according to the above rules and policies.

### **PROPOSAL OUTLINE[[1]](#footnote-1)**

#### SHECS DATA USE AND ANALYSIS PLAN

Working Title:

Expected Authors:

Primary Author:

Author Affiliations:

Contact information of primary author:

**Which Data Set is required?**

* Demographic
* Anthropometry and physical activity
* Body Composition
* Blood Pressure and pulse rate
* Biometry with Lenstar
* Tomography with Pentacam
* Visual acuity
* Refractive errors
* Ophthalmologic Examinations
* Perimetry
* Lab Data
* Others

1. Statement of the problem:
   1. What are the major issues and concepts?
   2. What is the primary relevance, significance, or motivation for analysis?
   3. What are the specific objectives–questions, hypotheses, etc.?
2. Analysis Plan:
   1. What specific group or subgroups of focus?
   2. What are the major variables to be used?
   3. What is the analysis plan and specific statistical techniques to be employed?

##### **SHECS Data Use Confidentiality Statement**

I have read the SHECS Data Use Policy, and pledge that I will strictly comply with that policy. Specifically:

* I will not disseminate or make copies of the dataset (including for unrestricted public use or for other unrestricted uses) to anyone else without the express permission of the DUA.
* I will notify the principal investigators of SHECS if I conduct additional analyses other than those proposed in this request.
* I will cite the SHECS cohort profile article, in the description of the cohort under study.
* To ensure accurate interpretation of the design and results, I will participate with principal investigators of SHECS (MH. Emamian, H. Hashemi and A. Fotouhi) in a way that they have authorship criteria (recommended by ICMJE) for any paper submitted for publication or any other reports in seminars and conferences.
* I will work collaboratively with the SCECS Program researchers to clarify any issues that may arise and will provide information on suspected errors or other problems associated with the database.
* I will adhere to the ethical principles for medical research and publication.

I agree that compliance with this pledge and the underlying policy is a condition of continuing collaboration and association with the SHECS research team.

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. Please complete & sign the proposal and confidentiality statement and send to Dr. A. Fotouhi, as an electronic attachment to afotouhi@tums.ac.ir [↑](#footnote-ref-1)