

## **Our general practice cooperates with scientific research**

Our general practice makes data available for scientific research at Erasmus MC. This research requires medical data from many thousands of patients over a long period of time. The basis for this is the data that your doctor records in the computer during your visit. Your name and address will only be known to your doctor. Your healthcare data will be pseudonymised in the database before use. This means that the data is anonymous to the investigator, and that only your doctor, if necessary, can retrieve your identity.

The aim of this research is to improve care for the inhabitants of the Netherlands and in particular of the Rijnmond region.

This research is carried out by the Department of Medical Informatics and the Department of General Practice of Erasmus MC. The Medical Informatics department focuses on the whole of the Netherlands and does this under the heading "[I PCI](#)" (Integrated Primary Care Information). The Department of General Practice focuses on the Rijnmond region under the heading "[Rijnmond Gezond](#)". The data that these two departments use are the same, the questions they will answer with it may differ somewhat.

Questions that can be answered with this data are for example:

- Does the use of a medicine lead to the disappearance of the complaints and how quickly?
- How many and which side effects occur with the different medicines?
- Do children who live in the most polluted neighborhoods of Rijnmond more often have physical complaints?
- What are risk factors for common conditions?

You can read more about the research within the two databases on both websites.

## **Your data**

Of course, we are not allowed to just share your data with the researchers. These data are protected according to the General Data Protection Regulation (AVG) and the Medical Treatment Contracts Act (WGBO).

Data such as your name, address, place of residence and BSN will therefore not be passed on to the researchers. The researchers cannot see from which patient they originate.

If you have any objections to the use of your data for this study, please report this to your GP or the practice assistant. Your data will then not be used.