Module 7 Retention Activity

Researchers completing data management plans have to think about how long they have to retain project data. This question does not always have one answer. It can depend upon a variety of factors, including whether or not the dataset contains PHI. Data retention is affected by federal and state laws and by the policies set forth by both the funding agencies (FDA, NIH, VA, etc.) and your institution (data management and sharing policies, IRB, Office of Research, etc.)

A. What do you think is the minimum amount of years that the U.S. Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP) requires the researcher to retain his or her patient data?

B. What do you think is the federal minimum amount of years that HIPAA requires researchers to retain their patient data?

C. What are your institutions policies that regulate the retention of research data?

D. Whom should you contact at your institution regarding information related to retaining or destroying data or administrative forms?

E. How long does the ORI (Office of Research Integrity) expect institutions to maintain data from sponsored research?