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The Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) is pleased to publish the following privacy impact assessment in accordance with its *Privacy Impact Assessment Policy*:

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As discussed in the [Primary Health Care Voluntary Reporting System Privacy Impact Assessment, January 2013](#), CIHI previously collected personal health information from primary health care (PHC) providers via the PHC Voluntary Reporting System (PHC VRS). Most of the data collected by the PHC VRS was unstructured and in free-text format, which made data extraction and analysis labour-intensive and unsustainable on a large scale. As a result, CIHI ceased collecting data using the PHC VRS effective December 1, 2013. Following a period of using the data, all data was destroyed in December 2021, in accordance with CIHI's *Privacy Policy, 2010*, which requires the destruction of data that is no longer required for the intended purposes.



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