

Appendix: Interview Questions

1. What data management strategies were deployed? (e.g., assigning data responsibilities, hiring a project manager, developing data documentation, developing/articulating a workflow diagram, defining controlled vocabulary, setting a data review schedule) How have these evolved over the course of the project?
2. What costs, in time or funds, are associated with those strategies?
3. How has data management time compared between reactive management of the [pilot project] data and proactive management of the [main project] data?
4. Has time ultimately been saved by actively managing the data?
5. Has the project proceeded more smoothly specifically because of active data management (as opposed to other project management activities, such as communication)?
6. Through active data management, does the data appear to be in a state that will make long-term use easier? (e.g., ease of internal reuse at a later date, ease of external reuse via deposition into a data repository)
7. Overall, what has been the return on investment (ROI) for active data management?
8. Would you like to discuss anything else about this project related to data management?