

# UDS+ Cohort Model

## What is the UDS+ cohort model?

- Provides flexible opportunities for UDS+ participation.
- Allows for staggered voluntary submission periods.
- Based on synthetic testing outcomes and desired engagement.

## Cohort 1

**Cohort 1** participants can submit live data February through March 2024.  
**Submissions must occur before March 31.**

### Benefits include:

- Dedicated submission support
- Detailed submission review
- Full data review and analysis with UDS and UDS+ comparisons
- Influence on future data and reporting needs
- Influence on future Implementation Guide (IG) changes

### You would be in cohort 1 if:

- You have **one** vendor.
- Your vendor completed the testing milestone and is ready to participate.
- You have a vendor that can submit data for your entire patient population.
- You want to provide input on future data and reporting needs and engage in future IG decision-making.

## Cohort 2

**Cohort 2** participants can continue testing and submit live data May through June 2024.  
**Submissions must occur before June 30.**

### Benefits include:

- Continued testing
- Voluntary 2023 submissions
- Testing and submitting data for unique scenarios (e.g., multiple systems)
- Partial data review and analysis
- Influence on future UDS+ needs

### You would be in cohort 2 if:

- You have **multiple** vendors or other circumstances that may make comparisons to UDS data challenging.
- You would like to participate in partial data review.

## Cohort 3

**Cohort 3** is for those who have not yet participated in testing but remain interested.  
**No voluntary 2023 submissions.**

### Benefits include:

- Continued engagement in public forums and outreach efforts to navigate plans for UDS+
- Continued support to participate in testing in 2023

### You would be in cohort 3 if:

- You are monitoring UDS+ progress to prepare for 2024 submissions.
- You feel your organization has competing priorities at present.
- You still have questions about UDS+ reporting.

If your organization or your HIT vendor is interested in volunteering to be a UDS+ tester, please communicate interest to HRSA using the [BPHC Contact Form](#).