

## **Presentations: Initiative for a Code of Conduct**

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### **Summary Report**

A range of topics were presented and discussed, including privacy protection in research and the need for a Code of Conduct following the GDPR. The process of including relevant actors to develop the Code and the need to submit a single Code in the field of health research were highlighted. Key elements of the GDPR were laid out, including legal aspects and potential ethical implications. Topics included the background of the GDPR and its scope in the context of health research, as well as the duties it creates. Legitimate data processing and the export of data to non-EU were also explored, along with patient rights. The patient stakeholder perspective was elaborated upon, with focus on unresolved questions and concerns, such as the issue of consent, exemptions, the scope of public health, and ambiguity regarding terminology and concepts in the GDPR.

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