# Data Management Best Practices

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# Conflicts of Interest

- Dr. Toll testifies on behalf of plaintiffs who have filed litigation against the tobacco industry

# How To Appropriately Protect Your Data

- If you are using cloud based storage, work with your cancer center to ensure appropriate firewalls and encryption

- **Always** use two factor authentication (**2FA**)
    - Security method requiring two forms of identification to access data (e.g., an authentication code, text, phone call)
    - Many large entities are using 2FA (e.g., NIH)

- Never carry data on a thumb drive unless they are **encrypted**
    - Many centers are requiring encrypted drives with a pin
    - Only insert thumb drives into trustworthy ports
    - Use a data blocker

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# How To Be a Good Steward of Your Data

- Paranoia is <u>unjustified</u> suspicion and mistrust of other people or their actions

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= **Super Paranoid**

- Only statisticians and data managers had access to the data

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# How To Work with Big Data

- Big data may be easier to work with as they often have their own encryption and require multiple safety protocols

- These sources often have a fee and require a formal data sharing plan that will go through your office of sponsored research project

- With these data, if you step out of line, you may be subject to fines – be careful and never share passwords

- Always be vigilant about protecting your data

# Thank You!

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