

# Lifelines Data and Biobank

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Data source

Human

Biobank

## Administrative details

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**Data source ID**

1000000182

**Data source acronym**

Lifelines

**Data holder**

[University of Groningen](#)

**Data source type**

Biobank

**Main financial support**

Funding by own institution

National, regional, or municipal public funding

## Care setting

Other

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## Data source qualification

If the data source has successfully undergone a formal qualification process (e.g., from the EMA, ISO or other certifications), this should be described.

No

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## Data source website

[Website Lifelines](#)

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## Data source regions and languages

### Data source countries

Netherlands

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### Data source languages

Dutch

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### Data source regions

Drenthe

Fryslân

Groningen

# Data source establishment

## Data source established

01/12/2006

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## Data source time span

**First collection:** 01/12/2006

The date when data started to be collected or extracted.

# Publications

## Data source publications

[Cohort Profile: LifeLines, a three-generation cohort study and biobank](#)

[Universal risk factors for multifactorial diseases: Lifelines: a three-generation population-based study](#)

[Cohort Profile Update: Lifelines, a three-generation cohort study and biobank](#)

## Data elements collected

## The data source contains the following information

### Disease information

Does the data source collect information with a focus on a specific disease? This might be a patient registry or other similar initiatives.

Yes

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## **Disease details (other)**

For all diseases and variables, please take a look here:

<https://wiki.lifelines.nl/doku.php?id=sections>

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## **Rare diseases**

Are rare diseases captured? In the European Union a rare disease is one that affects no more than 5 people in 10,000.

Yes

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## **Pregnancy and/or neonates**

Does the data source collect information on pregnant women and/or neonatal subpopulation (under 28 days of age)?

Yes

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## **Hospital admission and/or discharge**

Yes

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## **ICU admission**

Is information on intensive care unit admission available?

Yes

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## **Cause of death**

Not Captured

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## **Prescriptions of medicines**

Captured

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## **Prescriptions vocabulary**

ATC

not coded

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## **Dispensing of medicines**

Not Captured

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## **Advanced therapy medicinal products (ATMP)**

Is information on advanced therapy medicinal products included? A medicinal product for human use that is either a gene therapy medicinal product, a somatic cell therapy product or a tissue engineered products as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1394/2007 [Reg (EC) No 1394/2007 Art 1(1)].

No

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## **Contraception**

Is information on the use of any type of contraception (oral, injectable, devices etc.) available?

Yes

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## **Indication for use**

Does the data source capture information on the therapeutic indication for the use of medicinal products?

Not Captured

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## **Medical devices**

Is information on medicinal devices (e.g., pens, syringes, inhalers) available?

Yes

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## **Administration of vaccines**

Yes

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## **Procedures**

Does the data source capture information on procedures (e.g., diagnostic tests, therapeutic, surgical interventions)?

Not Captured

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## **Healthcare provider**

Is information on the person providing healthcare (e.g., physician, pharmacist, specialist) available?  
The healthcare provider refers to individual health professionals or a health facility organisation licensed to provide health care diagnosis and treatment services including medication, surgery and medical devices.

No

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## **Clinical measurements**

Is information on clinical measurements (e.g., BMI, blood pressure, height) available?

Yes

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## **Genetic data**

Are data related to genotyping, genome sequencing available?

Captured

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## **Genetic data vocabulary**

Other

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## **Genetic data vocabulary, other**

University Medical Center of Groningen Genetics Lifelines Initiative (UGLI)

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## **Biomarker data**

Does the data source capture biomarker information? The term “biomarker” refers to a broad subcategory of medical signs ( objective indications of medical state observed from outside the patient), which can be measured accurately and reproducibly. For example, haematological assays, infectious disease markers or metabolomic biomarkers.

Captured

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## **Biomarker data vocabulary**

BMO

FOBI

Other

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## **Patient-reported outcomes**

Is information on patient-reported outcomes (e.g., quality of life) available?

Yes

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## **Patient-generated data**

Is patient-generated information (e.g., from wearable devices) available?

Yes

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## **Units of healthcare utilisation**

Are units of healthcare utilisation (e.g., number of visits to GP per year, number of hospital days) available or can they be derived? Units of healthcare utilisation refer to the quantification of the use of services for the purpose of preventing or curing health problems.

Yes

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## **Unique identifier for persons**

Are patients uniquely identified in the data source?

Yes

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## **Diagnostic codes**

Not Captured

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## **Medicinal product information**

Not Captured

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## **Quality of life measurements**

Captured

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## **Quality of life measurements vocabulary**

EQ5D

SF-36

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## **Lifestyle factors**

Captured

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### **Lifestyle factors**

Alcohol use

Diet

Frequency of exercise

Other

Tobacco use

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### **Lifestyle factors included other**

Exposure to noise/radiation, drug use, hobbies and activities, screen use, sleep

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## **Sociodemographic information**

Captured

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### **Sociodemographic information collected**

Age

Country of origin

Education level

Ethnicity

Gender

Health area

Living in rural area

Marital status

Other

Sex

Socioeconomic status

Type of residency

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## **Sociodemographic information other**

Employment, family composition, income, profession (job codes)

## Quantitative descriptors

### Population Qualitative Data

#### **Population age groups**

All

Paediatric Population (< 18 years)

Neonate

Preterm newborn infants (0 – 27 days)

Term newborn infants (0 – 27 days)

Infants and toddlers (28 days – 23 months)

Children (2 to < 12 years)

Adolescents (12 to < 18 years)

Adult and elderly population ( $\geq 18$  years)

Adults (18 to < 65 years)

Adults (18 to < 46 years)

Adults (46 to < 65 years)

Elderly ( $\geq 65$  years)

Adults (65 to < 75 years)

Adults (75 to < 85 years)

Adults (85 years and over)

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## **Estimated percentage of the population covered by the data source in the catchment area**

10% of the Northern population was included at baseline.

For more information about the general cohort and factsheet, see here:

<https://wiki.lifelines.nl/doku.php?id=cohort>.

## Family linkage

### **Family linkage available in the data source permanently or can be created on an ad hoc basis**

Ad hoc

## Population

### **Population size**

167729

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### **Active population size**

110000

## Median observation time

### **Median time (years) between first and last available records for unique individuals captured in the data source**

18.00

## Data flows and management

### Access and validation

## **Governance details**

Documents or webpages that describe the overall governance of the data source and processes and procedures for data capture and management, data quality check and validation results (governing data access or utilisation for research purposes).

[Lifelines website](#)

[Lifelines Wiki](#)

## **Biospecimen access**

Are biospecimens available in the data source (e.g., tissue samples)?

Yes

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## **Biospecimen access conditions**

Whole blood, plasma, serum, urine, feces, DNA, buffy coats and hair.

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## **Access to subject details**

Can individual patients/practitioners/practices included in the data source be contacted?

Yes

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## **Description of data collection**

Lifelines collects questionnaire data, measurements, and biological samples from the entire cohort in rounds or waves called general assessments. On top of the general assessments, additional assessments may be performed in selected groups of Lifelines participants (e.g. “subcohorts”) in order to collect additional questionnaire data, measurements and/or biomaterials. Additional assessments are performed at the initiative of (and in collaboration with) external research groups, and an embargo period for use of additional data by third parties may apply.

## **Event triggering registration**

## **Event triggering registration of a person in the data source**

Birth

Disease diagnosis

Start of treatment

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## **Event triggering de-registration of a person in the data source**

Death

End of treatment

Loss to follow up

# Data source linkage

## **Linkage**

Is the data source described created by the linkage of other data sources (prelinked data source) and/or can the data source be linked to other data source on an ad-hoc basis?

Yes

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## **Linkage description, pre-linked**

Gecco data, place of birth and some other CBS data (CBS data), air pollution, ELAPSE.

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## **Linkage description, possible linkage**

IKNL

IADB

CBS

Palga

Perined

Nivel

and other requests may be possible

# Data management specifications that apply for the data source

**Data source refresh**

Quarterly

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**Informed consent for use of data for research**

Other

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**Possibility of data validation**

Can validity of the data in the data source be verified (e.g., access to original medical charts)?

Yes

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**Data source preservation**

Are records preserved in the data source indefinitely?

Yes

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**Approval for publication**

Is an approval needed for publishing the results of a study using the data source?

Yes

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**Informed consent, other**

Participants signed a broad consent for data usage for research purposes in the field of healthy ageing.

The general Lifelines protocol has been approved by the UMCG Medical ethical committee under number 2007/152.

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**Data source last refresh**

06/06/2024

## Common Data Model (CDM) mapping

**CDM mapping**

Has the data source been converted (ETL-ed) to a common data model?

No