IHPI Analysts - Welcome to Slack
Slack team name: UM HSR Analysts
Slack team url: https://umhsr.slack.com/signup

We are inviting all of the IHPI Analysts to participate in a new online community using the Slack software. The goal of this community is twofold: 1) to work smarter by being able to share knowledge on particular topics that we share in common, and 2) to create a better sense of community amongst all the analysts within our institute, sitting in different places, but having similar backgrounds and performing similar work.

So what is Slack? According to their own website, Slack is "Team communication for the 21st century". For us, it provides the ability to easily interact with each other in an easy and visually pleasant way - and you can choose the method that best works for yourself. Slack can be accessed through a standard web browser, but it also has desktop versions for PCs and Macs and mobile apps for all standard devices (both with notifications). To best understand Slack, please watch the following video:

Watch the Tour video: https://youtu.be/9RJZMSsH7-g

Channel information - The majority of the discussions within Slack take place within channels.There are 4 main types of channels that are listed below. All channels within the UM HSR group are open to the public and everyone can contribute. You will need to add yourself to any channels that interest you.

d	Questions/comments related to **databases** (Medicare, Optum, ect)
t	Place for **teams** (Urology, CHOP, ect) to hang out
p	Questions/comments for different **programming** languages (SAS, Stata)
x	General and off-topic

Notes:
- If a team channel does not exist for your team, you can go ahead and create it.
- Please provide feedback on Slack in #x-feedback - this will be used to decide if Slack is working for our group.
- Problems with the initial login? Contact Tedi Engler (tedi@umich.edu)
- Problems once logged in? Post to #x-slack_faq

Usage Guidelines
When replying to a question posted, reply to the original post as a thread.
Use the @ feature to notify someone specifically (e.g., @nmoloci)
Use the @channel feature to notify everyone that is a member of a specific channel

Slack questions: https://get.slack.help/hc/en-us