These levels are defined by HIPAA, but are used for all research across the University.

These levels are often connected to the type of IRB review a study receives.

These levels could be birth date, admission date, date of service, death date, etc.

These are the identifiers you can have in each type of dataset.

DE-IDENTIFIED dataset

First three digits of zip code, except zip codes for areas with especially small populations
Year of a date related to an individual, except for year of birth for people over the age of 89

LIMITED dataset

City of residence
State of residence
Full zip code
Full dates related to an individual
Any other unique identifying numbers, characteristics, or codes that are not specifically on the IDENTIFIABLE dataset list

IDENTIFIABLE dataset

Name
Full home address
Full dates related to an individual
Telephone or fax numbers
Email addresses
Social Security Numbers
Medical record number
Health plan beneficiary number
Other account numbers
Certificate/license number
ID or serial numbers for vehicles and medical devices
Web URLs
IP addresses
Biometric identifiers, such as finger and voice prints
Full face photos and videos
Any other unique identifying numbers, characteristics, or codes

For more information, contact the University of Utah IRB.