Large Institution Frequently Asked Registry Questions:

Does Axon Registry® integrate with EPIC?
- At the moment, large institutions that use EPIC and work with the Axon Registry have decided to push their data. Meaning they package up the data on a regular basis and send it via encrypted files to FIGMD instead of installing a registry connector on their server. We recommend talking with your EPIC representative to make them aware that you are starting the process and see if there is any way that they are willing to assist.

What type of data transfer method do most large institutions use?
- Most large institutions enrolled with the Axon Registry utilize EPIC as their EHR and have decided to push their data at least quarterly to the registry via encrypted files (most files types are accepted).

What legal issues are most common for large institutions?
- Often the legal department of the institution does not allow the FIGMD extraction software to be installed on their EHR system. The reasons cited for this decision have been system integrity and privacy. Due to this decision, these practices must send the data securely to the registry on a regular basis.

What resources does this push project require?
- There is no denying that this is a large project for an institution to undertake, it does require active communication between many departments (i.e. IT, clinical, legal). The legal team works on contracting, and the IT and clinical teams work on identifying and validating the data needed for the registry. Successful practices have found it helpful to have a designated project manager who coordinates regular project team meetings to discuss the progress and timeline. Because practices are manually sending the data, the project manager can also work to keep data transfers to the registry on schedule and moving forward. When the data has been validated, an automated data extract and transfer process could be initiated.

What long does contracting and integration take for larger institutions?
- It depends on the institution. Contracting can take up to a year to complete, depending on the number of stakeholders involved. The internal data identification process, data transfer, and gap analysis with the registry vendor can also take a great deal of time. If there is good communication in place within the organization, the timeline can be shortened but it does require patience as many parties need to get on board.
What should I do to prepare before enrolling?

- It’s recommended the project champions discuss the basics of the project with everyone involved, including understanding the benefits of being a part of a QCDR. The next step is looking through the participation agreement and learning more about push technical integration to talk through feasibility. Also, reach out to other clinical departments within your organization to see if they are working with a registry through the same vendor, FIGMD. If you have further questions, contact registry@aan.com.

Resources
- Visit our YouTube channel for short informative videos about the registry
- Read through our Technical Overview Document
- Review the Participation Agreement (Includes the Data Use Agreement)