We are undertaking a retrospective records review study to determine the type, frequency, severity and preventability of patient harms in general practice. General practitioner reviewers are reviewing three years of GP records (2011-2013) and their associated records of prescriptions, laboratory and radiological investigations, referrals and letters from specialists, and hospital discharge letters for 9000 randomly selected patient records from 60 randomly selected general practices from throughout New Zealand. The records are de-identified. Patients are not asked for consent to the use of their health records. The research is on-going and will provide new information about the epidemiology, impact and preventability of harm in New Zealand general practice. This presentation will discuss the pros and cons of practices participating in the study, and the experience to date of reviewing anonymous private health information.