



RESEARCHMATCH: PROMOTING THE COMPLETION OF RESEARCH STUDIES THROUGH VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT & RECRUITMENT

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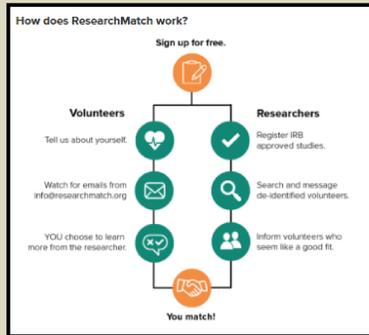
ResearchMatch.org

ResearchMatch.org (RM) is a CTSA developed tool that aims to remove barriers to volunteer participation in clinical trials by partnering with researchers and advocacy groups to increase volunteer engagement and access to information.

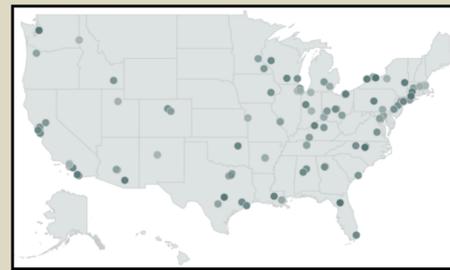
~128,000 VOLUNTEERS

The goal is to match people that are interested in research studies with researchers looking for participants. ResearchMatch.org is not about one disease or one institution. Success is due to the backbone of outstanding non-profit research institutions nationwide that use RM as a recruitment tool. Each institution promotes RM, and helps to build the volunteer base.

147 INSTITUTIONS



Currently 99% of all volunteers have been contacted with a study opportunity at least once. 59% of those contacted say "Yes" they want to find out more about the study.



Researchers

- Recruit for clinical studies or perform survey research with REDCap.
- Conduct advanced searches, filtering by: demographic, medication use and reported conditions.
- Reduce selection bias with our Random Selection tool.
- Conduct a de-identified feasibility search.
- Refine the match using a REDCap Prescreening Survey or a Condition Connection.



Matching Volunteers

- Volunteers with and without medical conditions register to find out about research studies.
- No obligation to participate.

- Volunteers receive e-mails about studies.
- Private contact information is not released until the volunteer says 'yes' to the email invitation.

- Spanish Website

Partnering With Patient Advocacy Groups

To expand the projects reach and increase awareness of ResearchMatch to more potential volunteers we establish partnerships with large national patient advocacy organizations and local community based organizations.



Volunteers Access Information

- Search for conditions of interest.
- Receive targeted educational resources.
- Receive referrals for advocacy and community groups.

- Use ResearchMatch Trial Finder
- Take action and search for a trial and share results with family and physician.

Find published papers that resulted from volunteer participation.

Key Factors For Success

- Leadership Support: CTSA and institutional enthusiasm
- Dedicated and personable liaisons nationwide
- Informatics infrastructure
- Overall IRB oversight by Vanderbilt
- Local IRB oversight by individual institutions
- Culture of collaboration
- VUMC Coordinators providing training to liaisons and researchers; providing guidance and problem solving; helping volunteers find clinical trials.