

ResearchMatch: Introduction and Overview



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Introduction

www.researchmatch.org

- A novel electronic volunteer recruitment registry designed to allow individuals from anywhere in the country an opportunity to securely self-register and express an interest in being prospectively considered for participation in research studies
- 2008: Concept developed by CTSA Consortium institutions;
 - 2009: Vanderbilt begins technical development of website and network
 - October 2012: 28,000+ volunteers; 1354 researchers; 312 active studies; 73 CTSA institutions
- Maintained at Vanderbilt University. The Vanderbilt IRB provides oversight of the project as a recruitment tool.
 - Currently Children's National is a participating institution in RM. GW is working on the agreement.

How RM Works - Volunteers

- Open to all people, all backgrounds
 - All ages (if under age 19, a parent or legal guardian may register)
 - Healthy population or specific medical conditions
 - Secure, Confidential, and Free!
- Volunteers will be made aware of RM via marketing tools (CRI and GW website, newsletter, flyers, press release, social media, etc.)
- If interested, will go to RM website and register by creating a volunteer profile in just a few steps:
 - 1) Complete a basic questionnaire (demographics, contact info*)
 - 2) Create a unique username and confidential password
 - 3) Can provide more info about health background (optional)
 - 4) Submit profile to RM and wait to be contacted (via e-mail) by researchers who think they are a good match for study
- Volunteers may remove themselves from RM at anytime

*No information is released to the institution or researcher until volunteers allow RM to do so.

How RM Works - Researchers

- Open to all CNMC Researchers
 - Will be open to GW researchers once their institutional contract authorized
 - Convenient, Simple, and Free!
- Researchers will be made aware of RM via marketing tools and word of mouth
 - Brochures, CTSI-CN website, meetings, e-mail list serves, printed bulletins, etc.
- If interested, will register in just a few steps:
 - 1) Contact Institutional Liaison for guidance through the registration/approval process
 - 2) Register at RM website – Can be done by Researcher or by Proxy (coordinator, nurse, etc.)
 - 3) Liaison will assure affiliation with institution and grant access
- Training
 - Institutional liaison will offer one-on-one training
 - ResearchMatch's Vanderbilt staff offer monthly Researcher Training (via WebEx)

How RM Works - Researchers

- Connecting with Volunteers - Two Options:
 - Feasibility –
 - Allows Researcher to view aggregate data (e.g. demographic, proximity to institution, medical condition, etc.) that is de-identified in order to explore recruitment potential
 - Recruitment –
 - Allows you to send an introductory message to volunteers that meet your study criteria. If they accept your request, you will be sent their contact information.
- Obtaining Approval
 - If using Recruitment tool must 1) Obtain IRB approval to use RM for your individual study, 2) Obtain PR & Marketing and IRB approval of introductory message
 - Approval obtained via the RM Approval Request form
 - Will be available on the CTSI-CN website and IRBear website

How RM Works - Researchers

- Steps to Obtaining Approval
 - 1) Researcher or proxy obtains and completes form
 - Form requests general information about study
 - Denotes if request is for a new study submission to IRB or if already IRB approved an amendment submission
 - Includes your proposed introductory message
 - 2) E-mail form to PR & Marketing Representative
 - Will receive a written approval via e-mail or a request to modify introductory message
 - 3) Upload form + saved copy of PR & Marketing approval message into IRBear
 - New Study submission vs. Amendment submission
 - 4) Once approval obtained, upload IRB Approval letter into ResearchMatch
 - 5) RM Institutional Liaison will review, approve, and open access to Recruitment

Benefits to Researchers

- Benefits
 - Free!
 - Supplements current recruitment efforts without adding substantial additional effort
 - Provides access to volunteers on a national level
 - Can search for healthy volunteers or specific medical conditions
 - Recruitment process is efficient



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