Dear Colleague

We want to make you aware of a new, free service offered by the Clinical and Translational Science Collaborative (CTSC) called ResearchMatch (https://www.researchmatch.org/). ResearchMatch is a not-for-profit service developed by Vanderbilt University as part of an NIH/NCCR CTSA initiative, which can help match researchers across the country with volunteers who would like to participate in research studies.

Volunteers who want to participate in medical research studies nationwide can join ResearchMatch and create searchable profiles in a secure, online format.

Researchers whose organization or CTSA institution is a part of this national effort may utilize the registry in one of two ways. First, a researcher can request aggregate data from the registry to investigate the feasibility of a specific research project. Second, a researcher can register their IRB approved protocol(s) with ResearchMatch and utilize the registry to search for eligible volunteers of any age, race, ethnicity or health status. If a potential volunteer match is identified, e-mail contact is initiated through ResearchMatch. The potential volunteer may either decline or consent to be contacted directly by the researcher. Volunteers are never under any obligation to participate in research studies, the choice is up to them. Researchers are blinded to the identity of a match until the potential volunteer directly contacts them.

The four partners of the CTSC (Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland Clinic, MetroHealth, and University Hospitals) are only a few of the many institutions and organizations participating in this disease-neutral volunteer recruitment registry (https://www.researchmatch.org/partners/). To date, over 10,000 volunteers have registered through ResearchMatch.

The site’s developers hope that ResearchMatch will prove to be a valuable tool in improving the connection and communication between researchers and potential participants.

Please contact the CTSC Research Concierge Office (ctsc-research-concierge@case.edu) or visit our website, http://casemed.case.edu/ctsc/, to become a member of the CTSC and learn more about ResearchMatch.

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Sincerely,

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