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What is ResearchMatch?

Today’s research leads to tomorrow’s cures.

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How do I get involved?

Helping to shape a healthier future.

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www.researchmatch.org

http://casemed.case.edu/ctsc
October 1, 2010

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/NCRR 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.

ResearchMatch is the product of the Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA), which is supported by the National Center for Research Resources, part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). In 2007, the NIH awarded Case Western Reserve University $64 million to become part of the national consortium.

Sincerely,

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Co-Principal Investigator
Topics of Interest

- Announcement from the NIH (November 2009)
- Press Release from CWRU (November 2009)

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A research opportunity is out there for everyone.
You can make a difference through research.
NIH Announces First National Research Study Recruitment Registry
Nationwide Registry to “Match” Volunteers with Researchers

Individuals who want to participate in research studies now can connect online with researchers nationwide through the first disease-neutral, volunteer recruitment registry.

ResearchMatch.org is a not-for-profit secure Web site, designed to provide people who are interested in participating in research the opportunity to be matched with studies that may be the right fit for them.

ResearchMatch offers an easy-to-use, free and safe way for volunteers to connect with thousands of researchers who are conducting research on a wide range of diseases.

The site is a collaborative effort of the national network of medical research institutions affiliated with the Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSAs). The CTSA program, which is led by the National Center for Research Resources (NCRR), a part of the National Institutes of Health, is focused on enhancing local and national efforts to enhance the translation of laboratory discoveries into treatments for patients.

“Participant recruitment continues to be a significant barrier to the completion of research studies nationwide — recent NIH data indicates that just 4 percent of the U.S. population has participated in clinical trials,” said NCRR Director Barbara Alving, M.D. “ResearchMatch is a tool that can improve the connection and communication between potential participants and researchers providing opportunities for the public to contribute to advancing new treatments.”

The convenient and user-friendly registry employs a familiar research matching model that is complementary to Clinicaltrials.gov. One key difference is that ResearchMatch places the burden of connecting the right volunteers with the right study on the researchers, whereas Clinicaltrials.gov asks volunteers to identify the trials that could work for them.

“ResearchMatch offers a convenient solution to the complex, competitive and often costly participant recruitment system,” said Gordon Bernard, M.D., principal investigator of the Vanderbilt CTSA, which hosts the national registry. “NIH data indicates that 85 percent of trials don’t finish on time due to low patient participation, and 30 percent of trial sites fail to enroll even a single patient. We aim to help combat these challenges with ResearchMatch.”
How ResearchMatch Works
ResearchMatch will match any interested individual residing in the United States with researchers who are approved to recruit potential research volunteers through the system. After an individual has self-registered to become a volunteer, ResearchMatch’s security features ensure that personal information is protected until volunteers authorize the release of their contact information to a specific study that may be of interest to them. Volunteers are notified electronically when they are a possible match and then make the decision regarding the release of their contact information. It also will promote choice as there are no obligations on the volunteer to participate in studies.

For the first year of the project, only researchers affiliated with participating CTSA institutions are eligible to use ResearchMatch. However, plans are in place to make ResearchMatch available beyond the CTSA consortium by 2011. Currently 52 individual institutions associated with 40 CTSA sites are part of the ResearchMatch network. A list of these institutions may be viewed here.

To learn more about ResearchMatch and to register as a volunteer, visit: www.researchmatch.org.

About the CTSA Consortium

The CTSA consortium is a national network of 46 medical research institutions working together to improve the way biomedical research is conducted across the country. The consortium, funded through Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSAs), shares a common vision to reduce the time it takes for laboratory discoveries to become treatments for patients and to engage communities in clinical research efforts. It also is fulfilling the critical need to train a new generation of clinical researchers. The CTSA program is led by the National Center for Research Resources, part of National Institutes of Health.

Launched in 2006, this network now includes awardees in 26 states. When the program is fully implemented, it will support approximately 60 CTSAs across the nation.
For more information about the CTSA program, visit www.ncrr.nih.gov/ctsa. The CTSA consortium Web site, which provides information on the consortium, current members and new grantees, can be accessed at www.CTSAweb.org.
The National Center for Research Resources, part of NIH, provides laboratory scientists and clinical researchers with the resources and training they need to understand, detect, treat and prevent a wide range of diseases. NCRR supports all aspects of translational and clinical research, connecting researchers, patients and communities across the nation. For more information, visit www.ncrr.nih.gov.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) — The Nation’s Medical Research Agency — includes 27 Institutes and Centers and is a component of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It is the primary federal agency for conducting and supporting basic, clinical and translational medical research, and it investigates the causes, treatments and cures for both common and rare diseases. For more information about NIH and its programs, visit www.nih.gov.
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CASE WESTERN RESERVE IS PARTICIPATING SITE IN NEWLY-LAUNCHED NATIONAL VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT REGISTRY LAUNCH OF RESEARCHMATCH.ORG

CLEVELAND – November 10, 2009 — People within the Cleveland community who want to participate in research studies can now connect online with researchers nationwide by joining ResearchMatch.org. ResearchMatch is a not-for-profit website that brings together researchers and people who are willing to learn more about research studies in a secure and convenient manner. Case Western Reserve University is one of the 51 institutions participating in this first national, disease-neutral, volunteer recruitment registry.

ResearchMatch is the product of the Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) Consortium, which is supported by the National Center for Research Resources (NCRR), a part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The CTSA is a national network of 46 medical research institutions working together to improve the way biomedical research is conducted across the country.

In 2007, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) awarded Case Western Reserve University $64 million to become part of the national consortium designed to transform how clinical and translational research is conducted, ultimately enabling researchers to provide new treatments more efficiently and quickly to patients. Case Western Reserve University named its award the Clinical and Translational Science Collaborative, (CTSC), as it is a collaboration among Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland Clinic, MetroHealth Medical Center and University Hospitals. The ultimate goal of the CTSC in Cleveland is to provide complete service and integrated clinical translational research capability within the Cleveland community that will improve the health of patients in Northeast Ohio through patient-based research. (http://casemed.case.edu/ctsc/)

“This represents an unprecedented opportunity to implement some of the enormous promise of the CTSA program nationally,” said Pamela B. Davis, MD, PhD, Dean of the School of Medicine and the Principal Investigator of the Cleveland CTSA, regarding ResearchMatch. “We look forward to seeing how this program unfolds.”

How does ResearchMatch work?
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For the first year of the project, only researchers affiliated with participating CTSA institutions may be eligible to utilize the recruitment tool, but plans exist to ensure the recruitment tool will be available beyond the CTSA by 2011.

Currently 51 institutions representing 39 of the 46 CTSAs are listed as participating sites through ResearchMatch, including Case Western Reserve University, University Hospitals and MetroHealth Medical Center. A complete list of these institutions may be viewed here.

ResearchMatch is accessible at: www.researchmatch.org.

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**About Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine**

Founded in 1843, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine is the largest medical research institution in Ohio and is among the nation’s top medical schools for research funding from the National Institutes of Health. The School of Medicine is recognized throughout the international medical community for outstanding achievements in teaching. The School’s innovative and pioneering Western Reserve2 curriculum interweaves four themes--research and scholarship, clinical mastery, leadership, and civic professionalism--to prepare students for the practice of evidence-based medicine in the rapidly changing health care environment of the 21st century. Eleven Nobel Laureates have been affiliated with the school.

Annually, the School of Medicine trains more than 800 M.D. and M.D./Ph.D. students and ranks in the top 25 among U.S. research-oriented medical schools as designated by *U.S. News and World Report* “Guide to Graduate Education.”

The School of Medicine’s primary affiliate is University Hospitals Case Medical Center and is additionally affiliated with MetroHealth Medical Center, the Louis Stokes Cleveland Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, and the Cleveland Clinic, with which it established the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University in 2002. [http://casemed.case.edu](http://casemed.case.edu).
What is ResearchMatch?

It is a registry of volunteers willing to learn about, and possibly participate in, research studies. Research needs both volunteers and researchers. ResearchMatch helps bring these two groups together in a secure and convenient way.
Presentation Overview

- What is ResearchMatch?
- Who uses ResearchMatch?
- ResearchMatch Connections
- How Do You Get Started?
- How Can You Make This a Better Resource?
What Is ResearchMatch?

- A national partnership to create a centralized, web-based recruitment registry connecting individuals who are interested in participating in research with researchers nationwide
  - No cost to users
  - Disease-neutral
  - Study-neutral
  - CTSA collaborative activity
    - 40+ participating CTSA sites
  - IRB oversight by Vanderbilt University
  - Funded by CTSA Informatics grant in 2008
What is ResearchMatch.org? (cont)

What it is
- A tool matching volunteers with research studies
- A free, complementary recruitment resource for researchers
- A safe & secure registry promoting volunteer choice at all levels
- Disease-neutral
- Anyone residing in the US can join

What it is NOT
- NOT the end-all solution to participant recruitment
- NOT a replacement for existing recruitment efforts
- NOT a tool that permits ‘cold calling’ volunteers
- NOT a final product – evolving based on user feedback

Who Uses ResearchMatch?
Who is using ResearchMatch?

- **3 key stakeholders:**
  - **Volunteers - Everyone!**
    - Anyone of any age and condition can register on ResearchMatch
    - Parents can register children under 19
    - Caregivers can register those who can’t register themselves
  - **Researchers - Any PI or Proxy**
    - Proxy: This includes research coordinators, research staff assistants, research nurses or any other key study personnel
  - **Liaisons**
    - Person who manages ResearchMatch at the institution, approves access for researchers, and helps get volunteers registered

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Stakeholders: Volunteers

- **5-10 minute registration process**
  - Self
  - Parent/Guardian/Caretaker

- **Questions include:**
  - Basic contact information (protected)
  - Secure username/password
  - Basic information (age, race, gender, height, weight, etc.)
  - Voluntary entry of health/medical conditions and medications
  - Preference page (e.g. how far are you willing to travel)

- Currently, volunteers cannot search for studies in ResearchMatch.
**Stakeholders: Researchers**

**Who can register as a researcher?**

- **Any key study personnel authorized** to recruit for a study can register. These "other" people we call "Proxys"
  - Principal Investigator (PI)
  - “Proxy” name used for other study personnel – PI MUST verify proxy’s registration via email

- **Multiple users can register for the same study**
  - After the first person has registered the study into ResearchMatch, we can notify any additional users someone has already registered the study and ask if they wish to join

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**Stakeholders: Researchers (cont)**

**What type of access exists?**

- **Feasibility Access**
  - View aggregate information for grant-writing purposes or hypothesis generation
  - You will be able to run searches of the registry and receive aggregate data
  - No IRB approval necessary

- **Recruitment Access**
  - You need to be a Principal Investigator (PI) or a “proxy” for the study
  - You need to upload the IRB-approved study letter
  - Once approved, you will be able to search the registry for potential matches to your study
  - You can send a recruitment message to potentially matching volunteers once volunteers authorize the release of their contact information via email
Stakeholders: Researchers (cont)
What next after registering to recruit?

- If a Principal Investigator (PI): request is routed to the Liaison for review
- If a PROXY: request is sent to the PI
  - PI MUST approve your access request before it is routed to Liaison for review.
- You will receive an email stating your study is pending review
- You will receive an email with the Liaison’s review decision
  - If APPROVED: Accept this access through a link in the confirmation email.
  - If DENIED: Notified via email with opportunity to resubmit/edit

Researcher Search Options

- You can perform searches based on the following criteria:
  - Location
  - Demographics
    - Age
    - BMI
    - Ethnicity
    - Gender
    - Height
    - Multiple Birth Status
    - Race
    - Tobacco User
    - Weight
  - Health Status
    - Medical Conditions
    - Healthy Volunteer
  - Medications
Stakeholders: Liaisons

- Each participating site has at least one Institutional Liaison who will be responsible for managing researcher requests from their institution through ResearchMatch.
- Liaison approval consists of reviewing registered information & uploaded IRB approval letter from researcher.
- Liaison is responsible for setting ResearchMatch access expiration date to match that of the IRB approval letter expiration date.
  - Liaison Approval – automatically notifies researcher of recruitment access privileges.

ResearchMatch Connections
Volunteer & Researcher Connection

**Step 1:** Volunteers (or their parents/caretakers) self-register to be contacted for research studies

**Step 2:** Researchers search database for individuals (identifiers suppressed) based on study inclusion criteria

**Step 3:** Researchers send IRB approved recruitment message to 'matched' volunteers

Volunteers may then opt to share identifiable information for direct contact

**Step 4:** Researchers contact interested volunteers and follow normal study consent procedures

Liaison & Researcher Connection

**Step 1:** Researcher (PI or PROXY) registers and provides information regarding IRB-approved protocol – Researcher must receive Liaison approval before recruitment access

**Step 2:** Researcher can search registry with feasibility access (aggregate data) while recruitment request pending liaison review

**Step 3:** Liaison receives access request. Approves request by setting expiration date to match IRB approval expiration

**Step 4:** Researcher is notified of approval via email and can begin to search registry and contact potential matches for their study
How Do You Get Started?

How do you get started?

From your web browser, go to the following link:

http://casemed.case.edu/ctsc/researchmatch/
How Can You Make This a Better Resource?

Boosting Volunteer Count

- A registry is only as good as its available volunteers!
  - Ideas for helping populate:
    - Post flyers in your office, department
    - Wear “Ask me about ResearchMatch.org!” button
    - Give ResearchMatch business cards to patients
    - Use ResearchMatch appointment reminder cards
    - Register as a volunteer yourself
    - Display brochure

For material requests email:
cctc-research-concierge@case.edu
Partnering with Organizations

- Partnering with organizations reaches more potential volunteers!
  - If you have contacts within organizations let them know about Researchmatch.org or send their contact information to: info@researchmatch.org

- Currently ResearchMatch is partnered with:
  - The National Parkinson’s Foundation
  - The Organic Acidemia Association
  - The Sarcoidosis Center
  - GARD – the Genetic and Rare Disease Information Center
  - The National MS Society
  - Sudden Cardiac Arrest Association

Providing Feedback

- ResearchMatch is a living resource and wants to continue to be valuable, let us know how we can do that!
  - Email with any questions, comments, feedback and ideas

  - Let us know where we should be posting ResearchMatch material

  - Reach out if you are having technical problems or confusion

Email: ctsc-research-concierge@case.edu
RESEARCHER FAQ

What is the overall objective of ResearchMatch.org?
ResearchMatch aims to serve as an effective, useful and complementary recruitment tool helping connect willing volunteers with researchers who are searching for appropriate volunteers to be placed in their research studies (not just clinical trials).

Is ResearchMatch only for clinical trials?
No, ResearchMatch is available to help match any type of IRB-approved study with ResearchMatch Volunteers.

What do I have to do to use ResearchMatch as a recruitment tool?
Researchers at participating sites will be given access to register through the ResearchMatch system. Upon registration, researchers may request either feasibility or recruitment access. To gain Recruitment Access, a study’s Principal Investigator (PI) and/or authorized recruitment proxy must submit sufficient evidence of having an approved IRB study. Your request will be routed to your site’s institutional liaison(s) who will review your request. Please contact info@researchmatch.org if you wish to learn of your site’s Institutional Liaison(s).

What do I need to communicate to my IRB if I want to use ResearchMatch?
You may need to add ResearchMatch as one of your recruitment tools and/or mechanisms in your IRB protocol and that you will plan to utilize this tool once it has become activated for researchers.

How can my institution participate?
Currently, invitations to participate in ResearchMatch are limited to only those certain sites approved by ResearchMatch. If you are from a site that is not featured in the ResearchMatch Network, please contact info@researchmatch.org to learn of your site’s current status. Eligible sites wishing to participate must sign the ResearchMatch Master Institutional Registry Agreement (MIRA) and assign an Institutional Liaison to serve as the liaison between ResearchMatch and your site. ResearchMatch looks forward to expanding its Network in the future. Whether or not you are from an approved site, please fill out the Researcher Interest Form to express your interest to learn more about ResearchMatch.

How do I get matched with Volunteers?
After you have been granted recruitment access, you will be able to search for appropriate matches amongst the non-identifiable ResearchMatch Volunteer profiles in the system. You will enter your study’s criteria in the ResearchMatch Search Builder which will yield a list of these potential matches. You will send out IRB-approved content in your initial recruitment message to these potential matches through ResearchMatch. The secure ResearchMatch clearinghouse will route your message to each of these potential matches and they will have the option of replying yes, no, or no response. Your study’s home page will feature all those Volunteers who say yes and show aggregate figures/charts demonstrating the response rate to your initial recruitment message. Once the Volunteer has authorized ResearchMatch to release their contact information to you, you will be responsible for managing this contact information as called for by your IRB-study protocol.
What does it cost to use ResearchMatch?
ResearchMatch is a not-for-profit activity and is free for any participating site & their researchers.

Will my ResearchMatch access expire?
Yes, your access to recruit via ResearchMatch will last only as long as your IRB-study approval. The expiration date of your ResearchMatch access will mirror the expiration date of your study. You will be able to submit successful continuing review applications via ResearchMatch. If an unintentional lapse in time occurs and you are not able to submit this information in time, your ResearchMatch data will not be lost.

What can I do if I have more questions?
For general questions, please email ResearchMatch at info@researchmatch.org or visit the ResearchMatch Contact page to submit your question or comment. Also, your suggestions about how we can improve this resource for you are always welcome!
Volunteer FAQ

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Why is ResearchMatch important?
Research affects our everyday lives – ranging from the medicine we take to what we learn in school. Much of research requires people to participate so a researcher can test out a theory or hypothesis about an important question. Even now, many research studies end too early since there are too few volunteers to join. Also, there are many people who want to join research studies but do not know how to do so. Different people have different reasons for wanting to get involved in research. ResearchMatch is not aiming to convince you to participate, it is only providing a resource to help you learn more about studies that you may qualify for or may be fitting to your interests. Learn more about what research is in general here.

Who is involved in ResearchMatch?
ResearchMatch is a registry created through collaborations between a large network of major academic institutions and is funded by the National Center for Research Resources – a component of the National Institute of Health. All of the sites participating in this Network have signed extensive agreements to protect your privacy as a Volunteer. Further, only researchers who have been approved by their institution to use this tool will have the ability to search the registry and possibly send an initial recruitment message to you. Vanderbilt University serves as the host institution of this site-neutral national registry.

What does it cost to join ResearchMatch?
ResearchMatch is a not-for-profit activity and is free to join.

Who can join?
Anyone from the United States can join ResearchMatch. All ages and backgrounds are welcome. A parent, legal guardian or caretaker may register someone under the age of 19 or an adult that may not be able to enter in his/her own information.

What if I do not have a health condition - can I still join?
Healthy volunteers are absolutely vital to research and thus ResearchMatch encourages you to join if you are interested.

How can ResearchMatch benefit me?
You may benefit from joining ResearchMatch as it may:
Reduce the time that you spend searching for research studies that you qualify for; improve the chances of matching you with research studies that interest you; help you learn more about the research in your community or in your area of interest; and, get you involved in a national group of volunteers that might help improve the positive health impacts of future research for everyone.
Are there any risks to joining?
There is a potential risk of loss of confidentiality of your profile information, but ResearchMatch makes many efforts to keep your personal information private, secure, and confidential until you allow ResearchMatch to release it. There is a chance you could be inconvenienced by receiving too many emails from researchers using ResearchMatch when your anonymous profile is ‘matched’ with their research studies. If you feel that you are getting too many emails, you may always remove yourself from ResearchMatch.

Is ResearchMatch only for clinical trials?
No, ResearchMatch will help match any type of approved study looking for people to participate in their study. You may be contacted about different research opportunities ranging from a survey you can do at home to a clinical trial that may involve your traveling to the researcher’s institution.

What happens once I register?
After you register, your profile (without the contact information) will be searchable by researchers who are authorized to use ResearchMatch. If a researcher thinks your profile matches their study’s needs, you may receive a message through ResearchMatch from that researcher which tells you a bit more information about the study. You may easily respond Yes or No if you wish to learn more. A yes response will release your contact information to the researcher so they may contact you directly with more information. A no response will keep your contact information hidden. Please remember that even if you respond yes through ResearchMatch, you are never obligated to participate in a study. ResearchMatch is only helping you be connected with the researcher. The choice to participate or not is yours. See the Volunteer Agreement for more information.

How does ResearchMatch protect my information?
ResearchMatch takes your privacy very seriously. ResearchMatch is a secure, central database that will store your information if you wish to be matched with research studies, now or in the future. All ResearchMatch data that is sent between the web server and browsers will be coded (encrypted) using Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) protection. Another protection is that ResearchMatch will not release your personal contact information until you have given permission for that release. The ResearchMatch registry is a collaborative project between all participating sites, but is maintained at Vanderbilt and overseen by the Vanderbilt Institutional Review Board. ResearchMatch will never sell, rent or lease your personal information. Please see the ResearchMatch Privacy Statement for more details.

Since I am entering in my phone number, will I start getting a lot of calls if I join the registry?
How many calls you get will be up to you! When you create your ResearchMatch profile, your contact details are ‘hidden’ from researchers who are searching the registry for possible matches to their studies. Researchers actually send their first message about their study to you through ResearchMatch and we route this message to you without the researcher knowing who you are. This way, it is your decision if you wish for your contact information to be shown to the researcher or not after you read more about their study. If you allow your contact information be revealed to the researcher, then the researcher will have your contact information and may then tell you more details about their study if you appear to qualify. Please read the Volunteer Agreement for more information.

What if my contact and/or health information has changed?
You can change your profile at any time. You only have to log in with your unique username and password to make these changes.
When will I start to hear from researchers if I join ResearchMatch?
ResearchMatch is a new national initiative. Before researchers can effectively use the registry, a large number of volunteers will need to be a part of ResearchMatch. As such, researchers will not be given access to begin looking for potential study Volunteers through ResearchMatch until approximately January 2010. Please remember that ResearchMatch cannot guarantee that you will actually be contacted by any researchers, even after researchers are able to start looking for 'matches' through this online tool, although it is certainly our hope that these contacts will occur.

Do I have to participate in a research study if I join ResearchMatch?
No, you will never have to participate in a study. It is always your choice!

What if I change my mind about being part of ResearchMatch?
You can remove yourself from ResearchMatch at any time. You simply log in to your profile and select this option. Once you do this, all of your identifiable information will be removed and future researchers who are searching the registry will not be able to search for you. However, you may still be able to be contacted by those researchers you have already released your contact information to through ResearchMatch.

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Anyone can join ResearchMatch. Many studies are looking for healthy people of all ages, while some are looking for people with specific health conditions. ResearchMatch can help ‘match’ you with any type of research study, ranging from surveys to clinical trials, always giving you the choice to decide what studies may interest you.
To download sections are all of this packet visit:
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Please visit the CTSC website above for more information on ResearchMatch and to locate your institution’s contact information.

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