

Thank YOU for making discoveries possible!

ResearchMatch continues to exist because of volunteers like you! **You** play an important role in furthering healthcare research, and we thank you!

In 2024, ResearchMatch turns 15 years old - what a milestone! More than 5,800 studies have been registered on ResearchMatch over the years, and with your help, many have resulted in the publication and sharing of scientific findings. We're proud of this accomplishment but know the work doesn't stop there. With over 1,300 studies currently active and recruiting through ResearchMatch, we're excited for all the discoveries waiting to be made in 2024 and in the years to come! To learn more <u>about our researchers</u>, <u>community collaborators</u>, and <u>participating in research</u>, visit our website to find <u>articles</u>, videos, and more!

We're grateful for your continued participation and encourage you to help spread the word about the importance of healthcare research. Some ideas include:

- Encouraging your friends, family, and neighbors to join ResearchMatch as a volunteer
- Use the "*tell a friend*" feature on your volunteer dashboard to easily tell someone about ResearchMatch
- Like, follow, and share ResearchMatch on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and <u>X (formerly</u> <u>Twitter)</u>
- Share resources on clinical trial participation from trusted sources like the <u>National</u> <u>Institutes of Health</u> and the <u>National Institute on Aging</u>
- Visit Trials Today and search for trials that may be of interest to you or a loved one

When it comes to ensuring a healthier future for all, let's all say "Yes, I'm interested!" and become part of the solution for a better tomorrow.

-The ResearchMatch team

Updating your volunteer profile for 2024

Would you like to add a new health condition or remove an old one? Did you stop taking a medication or start a new one? You can easily update this information on your Volunteer Dashboard.

ResearchMatch strives to connect you with research studies that matter to you! To help make these connections, start the new year off by updating your Volunteer profile with any new health conditions or medications. A few new questions were added to the registration process in 2023, so be sure to update your demographic information too!

Update information in your Volunteer Dashboard by following the steps below:

Step 1: Log into ResearchMatch and click on "Update your profile".

Step 2: Click *"Update your health information"* to open your Demographic Data page. Use the menu on the left-hand side and click on *"Conditions"* or *"Medications"*.

Update Your Profile	Have Questions?
Update your health information Update your contact information Update your security questions Change your password	<u>Volunteer FAQ</u> <u>Volunteer Agreement</u> <u>Contact Us</u>
Remove yourself as a volunteer]	Be a Match Maker!
	You are the best voice of ResearchMatch. With your belowe

Step 3: Begin typing into the search bar and ResearchMatch will automatically list all the options available in our system. Select the one that matches your condition or medication and click the *"Add"* button.

Demographic Data	Tell us about your medications.			
Gender Identity	Are you taking a prescribed or over-the-counter medication?			
Race and Ethnicity	Yes			
Conditions	O No			
Nedications	Start entering the name of a single medication in the box below. You may enter in as few or as many medications as you like. Once a medication has been found using the search please make sure you select the medication so that it appears in the list below.			
Account Preferences	Search for medication			
	Add			

Step 4: Click the "Next" button at the bottom of the page to save your changes.

Step 5: To update your information in recently added demographic categories, click on *"Gender Identity"* and *"Race and Ethnicity"*. Review this information and check any additional response options that apply.

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Demographic Data	Tell us about your Race and Ethnicity
Gender Identity	ResearchMatch honors diversity and wants you to be able to more fully describe yourself on you
Race and Ethnicity	profile. Recently, a few questions were added to the registration process that will let you enter yo assigned at birth, gender identity, race, and ethnicity.
Conditions	American Indian or Alaska Native
Medications	🗆 Asian 🕐
Account Preferences	Black, African American, or African 3

Step 6: Click the "Next" button at the bottom of the page to save your changes.

Share your story about taking part in research!



Stories are powerful - they can create change and inspire new ideas. We would love to hear **your story** about taking part in ResearchMatch. This may include:

- How ResearchMatch has helped to match you with a clinical trial related to your health condition
- An interesting research study you have participated in through ResearchMatch
- Your thoughts and experiences about taking part in health research

Email your story to us at <u>info@researchmatch.org</u> – we are excited to hear from you!

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Contact us at info@researchmatch.org.



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