Emory Searchable Clinical Trials Website

Emory Healthcare is proud to sponsor clinical trials and offer the opportunity for our patients to participate in them. The Emory searchable clinical trials website presents Emory clinical research studies for interested patients/potential research subjects to browse, search, and find study-specific Emory contacts. Please visit http://clinicaltrials.emory.edu/ to learn more. Below are answers to frequently asked questions about the website.

General Information

Q. What is the source for data included on the website?
A. The information on the website is pulled from ClinicalTrials.gov and updated on a daily basis.

Q. Are only Emory Healthcare trials on the site?
A. All clinical research studies that are registered in ClinicalTrials.gov that have an Emory principal investigator (PI), including site PIs, associated with it are included on the website. This includes clinical research being conducted at Grady Memorial Hospital, Atlanta VA Medical Center, Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, as well as Emory Healthcare sites.

Q. Does the website replace the Winship Cancer Institute searchable clinical trials website?
A. The website is not replacing the Winship searchable website. Both sites serve as valuable resources for patients/potential research subjects. Trials included on the Winship website are also included on the Emory website.

Search Function

Q. How does the search function work?
A. The website offers users the option of searching for a specific trial based on keyword or browsing trials. For both search options, the search engine looks at keywords across the “Title” and “Description” fields of a study in order to make a match on the search term. Currently, the search functionality does not support synonyms (e.g., “heart attack” and “myocardial infarction”).

Q. How were the browsing categories determined?
A. The browsing categories (e.g., Neurology and Psychiatry, etc.) were determined based on the volume of clinical trials being conducted in that particular specialty area. The secondary categories (e.g., Alzheimer’s, Stroke, and Depression) were also determined based on the volume of clinical trials being conducted in that subset area. The secondary
categories are sorted based on volume. Creating categories does create limitations for the browsing search function. The layout of the site was designed to encourage individuals to search based on keyword before searching using the browsing categories.

Q. **What types of trials are displayed?**

A. The default keyword search results will only display “active” clinical trials with a study status of “not yet recruiting” or “recruiting” in ClinicalTrials.gov and a study status in Emory’s Office of Clinical Research Emory Research Management System (ERMS). Website users may view all trials regardless of study status by unchecking the default “Only show trials currently accepting patients” in the keyword search field. The browsing category search function will display all related studies regardless of study status. Trials are sorted based on study status with “Active” trials displayed first and then sorted in descending order by the National ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier (NCT ID) number.

**Study Specific Information and Contact Information**

Q. **How do I update information about a trial?**

A. If study information for an investigator-initiated study registered on ClinicalTrials.gov is incorrect, please contact OCR@emory.edu. If information on ClinicalTrials.gov is incorrect for a study sponsored by an outside entity (e.g., industry, foundation, etc.), please contact your study representative to assist with updates or corrections, as necessary.

Q. **Will potential participants be contacting PIs directly about trials?**

A. Yes. However, the contact function on the website will not disclose the PI’s email address. Rather, the individual will enter information in a form, click submit, and an email with “Clinical Trials Registry Response: <NCTID>” in the subject line will be sent to the PI. The NCT ID will be the identification number of the trial the individual is interested in. Some investigators intend to create a Microsoft Outlook Exchange rule in order to automatically forward the email to their research teams. For instructions on how to create a rule for those on the Emory University Outlook 365 email platform please visit the following page – http://it.emory.edu/office365/basics/email/rules.html#forward

Q. **Can individuals be directed to contact a research coordinator instead of a PI?**

A. We will be exploring opportunities to have a “Main Contact” for each clinical trial that could be any person designated by the PI. However, ClinicalTrials.gov will continue to have the PI as the main contact, reflective of the ClinicalTrials.gov website, unless the government makes a change.

If you have additional questions or would like to provide feedback on the website, please email ctweb@listserv.cc.emory.edu