What is ClinicalTrials.gov?

ClinicalTrials.gov is a Web-based resource that provides patients, their family members, health care professionals, researchers, and the public with easy access to information on publicly and privately supported clinical studies on a wide range of diseases and conditions. The Web site is maintained by the National Library of Medicine (NLM) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Information on ClinicalTrials.gov is provided and updated by the sponsor or principal investigator of the clinical study.

ClinicalTrials.gov contains information about medical studies in human volunteers. Most of the records on ClinicalTrials.gov describe clinical trials (also called interventional studies). A clinical trial is a research study in which human volunteers are assigned to interventions (for example, a medical product, behavior, or procedure) based on a protocol (or plan) and are then evaluated for effects on biomedical or health outcomes. ClinicalTrials.gov also contains records describing observational studies and programs providing access to investigational drugs outside of clinical trials (expanded access). Studies listed in the database are conducted in all 50 States and in 193 countries.
What Information Can I Find on ClinicalTrials.gov?
Each ClinicalTrials.gov record presents summary information about a study protocol and includes the following:

- Disease or condition
- Intervention (for example, the medical product, behavior, or procedure being studied)
- Title, description, and design of the study
- Requirements for participation (eligibility criteria)
- Locations where the study is being conducted
- Contact information for the study locations
- Links to relevant information on other health Web sites, such as NLM's MedlinePlus® for patient health information and PubMed® for citations and abstracts of scholarly articles in the field of medicine

Some records also include information on the results of the study, such as:

- Description of study participants (the number of participants starting and completing the study and their demographic data)
- Outcomes of the study
- Summary of adverse events experienced by study participants

What Can I Do on This Site?

- **Find and view clinical studies.** Conduct basic and advanced searches of clinical study records; browse studies; and search studies by topic, country, or region. See the Find Studies section of the site.
- **Learn more about clinical research.** Find out how clinical studies are conducted and who can participate. See Learn About Clinical Studies.
- **Manage study records.** Find out how to submit and maintain study records, access the Protocol Registration and Results System, and enter summary information about study protocols and results. See the Submit Studies section of the site.
- **Use site tools and data.** View statistics on registered studies or download study records for analysis. See the Resources section of the site.