# **ClinicalTrials.gov for Librarians**

## [**ClinicalTrials.gov Glossary of Common Terms**](https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/about-studies/glossary)

This glossary will help you understand words and phrases frequently used on ClinicalTrials.gov. Many of these words are also used by clinical researchers and others in the same or a similar manner, but these definitions are provided to explain content on ClinicalTrials.gov only.

## [**ClinicalTrials.gov Guide to Searching for Clinical Studies**](https://clinicaltrials.gov/find-studies/how-to-search#a3)

Review this information for step-by-step instructions on how to conduct a basic search for clinical studies, including how to narrow your search and apply search filters.

## [**ClinicalTrials.gov How to Read a Study Record**](https://www.clinicaltrials.gov/study-basics/how-to-read-study-record)

Learn how to read and understand a study record in ClinicalTrials.gov.

## [**How to Download Study Records**](https://clinicaltrials.gov/data-api/how-download-study-records)

Learn how to download information about some or all of the studies shown in your search results, or the information from a single study.

## [**ClinicalTrials.gov Demonstration Videos**](https://www.nlm.nih.gov/oet/ed/ct/demo_videos.html?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

Fast Forward from ClinicalTrials.gov is a series of short videos provided to educate users on the modernized websites. They address common questions directly from users on how to accomplish tasks on the website and in PRS.

## [**ClinicalTrials.gov Policy**](https://clinicaltrials.gov/policy/faq)

Frequently Asked Questions on the Protocol Registration and Results System (PRS), the Food and Drug Administration Amendments Act Section 801 (FDAAA 801), and the Final Rule for Clinical Trials Registration and Results Information Submission.

## [**Clinical Trial Reporting Requirements**](https://clinicaltrials.gov/policy/reporting-requirements)This page helps sponsors and investigators understand the key legal and policy requirements for clinical trial registration and results submission to ClinicalTrials.gov.

## [**ClinicalTrials.gov Protocol Registration and Results System (PRS)**](https://register.clinicaltrials.gov/)

Access help guides and interactive tutorials to learn how to use PRS.

* [PRS Help Resources](http://clinicaltrials.gov/submit-studies/prs-help)
* [PRS Guided Tutorials](https://prsinfo.clinicaltrials.gov/tutorial/content/index.html)
* [Fast Forward from ClinicalTrials.gov: Videos on the PRS](https://www.nlm.nih.gov/oet/ed/ct/demo_videos.html)

## [**Learn about ClinicalTrials.gov**](https://learn.nlm.nih.gov/documentation/training-packets/T0162017P/)

A collection of ClinicalTrials.gov training and outreach resources from the NLM Learning Resources Database.

## [**NIH Clinical Research Trials and You**](https://www.nih.gov/health-information/nih-clinical-research-trials-you/basics)

The NIH Clinical Research Trials and You website is a resource for people who want to learn more about clinical trials. You can read answers to common questions about taking part in a clinical trial.

## [**Systematic Reviews: NLM Products To Support Your Search**](https://www.nnlm.gov/guides/systematic-reviews)

Guide from NNLM pulling together key information for constructing, performing, and documenting complex search queries in ClinicalTrials.gov when conducting a systematic review.

## **Search Tip**

**Search Tip:** Limit PubMed to results with ClinicalTrials.gov data

* Use the Secondary Source ID Field tag: **clinicaltrials.gov [si]**
* Class example: **clinicaltrials.gov [si] vertigo**

## **Class Exercise: Research Case Scenario**

## A trauma center is interested in designing a study examining the use of virtual reality (VR) with adult burn patients during wound dressing changes.

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## The research team recalls hearing about a couple of studies that utilized VR but doesn’t know if the studies looked at reduction in pain, anxiety, medication, or some combination.

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## The team wants to know what similar research has been completed or is currently being conducted.

Search ClinicalTrials.gov for studies that might be helpful to scenario team. Review the details of individual study protocols. Note any trials that were started but terminated before completion – why?

There is no single “right” way to do this search. Experiment with different entry terms and filters to see how they affect your results.