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

Provides information on how to read a study record including record tabs, search term highlighting, historical views of records, and viewing study records in Extensible Markup Language (XML).

# [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.

# [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.

## Search Tip 1: Finding Unpublished Research Results in Clinicaltrials.gov

* Click on **More Filters**
* Scroll to **Study Results** and select **With Results**
* Enter this search string in the **Other terms** field: **AREA[ReferenceType]NOT RESULT**

## Search Tip 2: 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.

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

The team wants to know what similar research has been done or is currently being conducted, and they want to review the study plans to aid with their own study design.

Search ClinicalTrials.gov to find some studies that might be helpful to the team. Experiment with different entry terms and filters.

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