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[ClinicalTrials.gov Glossary of Common Terms](#)

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 the definitions below are provided to explain content on ClinicalTrials.gov only.

[ClinicalTrials.gov How to Read a 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 Additional Resources](#)

Support materials including Protocol Registration and Results System (PRS) information, U.S. laws, regulations, and guidance, key U.S. policies, and international policies.

[Final Rule Information](#)

- Final Rule Webinar Series
- Applicable Clinical Trial Checklist and Elaboration (ACT Checklist)
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Planned Updates to PRS
- “Coming Soon”

[Submit Studies](#)

- FDAAA 801 Requirements
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Training Materials – recorded presentations, example study records
- Support Materials



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Readings and Articles

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