**ResearchMatch** [link: <https://www.researchmatch.org/researchers/>]

ResearchMatch.org (RM) is an online recruitment and education platform that matches people interested in participating in research with Researchers throughout the United States. Created

with the national CTSA consortium in 2010, ResearchMatch is funded by the National Institutes

of Health (NIH) through the National Center for Advancing Translation Sciences (NCATS) and is

hosted by Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC). ResearchMatch is a not-for-profit

activity and is free for any participating site and their Researchers. VUMC’s Institutional Review

Board (IRB) provides regulatory oversight of ResearchMatch as a whole and relies on each

institution to provide local oversight.

ResearchMatch aims to help bring together volunteers and Researchers. Those who join RM as

a volunteer freely share their health or medication information with ResearchMatch – no data is

pulled from a volunteer’s electronic health record. Volunteers are connected with Researchers

who are conducting studies that may ‘match’ with the volunteer's interest and background.

Once users join RM, they may receive messages letting them know that a ResearchMatch

Researcher thinks they may be a possible 'match' for their study. The email messages will come

from the email address: info@researchmatch.org. The Researcher cannot contact volunteers

directly until the volunteer release their contact information.

Researchers on ResearchMatch are able to message a de-identified cohort of potential

participants based on their research study’s criteria (i.e. women between the ages of 45 and 80

with heart disease). They are only allowed to contact potential volunteers if their IRB has

approved all aspects of the study and given permission to use ResearchMatch as a recruitment

tool.

For assistance with ResearchMatch, and for information on materials to include with your IRB submission, please reach out to the Indiana CTSI Recruitment Team at Indiana CTSI Recruitment Request [link: https://redcap.uits.iu.edu/surveys/?s=ATMHPPT4NF].