

Join Us in Research and Discovery

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Dear Colleagues,

As the Commonwealth's flagship and land grant research institution, the University of Kentucky is committed to advancing health and quality of life for countless individuals and communities across the state we serve. From developing new breakthroughs that improve health care to the creative scholarship that stirs souls across the communities we reach, UK faculty, staff and students are engaged in meaningful pursuits. I'm writing to ask you to help us in this effort by considering participating in research and discovery.

A robust research enterprise needs volunteer participants—both healthy and with medical conditions—in order to find the solutions we seek. Too often, studies end early because there are not enough volunteers, leaving important questions unanswered and new treatments undiscovered. **But you can help make a difference.**

Please consider joining the more than 70,000 people who have joined [ResearchMatch](#), an easy-to-use, secure, volunteer participant registry that brings together willing people who are interested in research, and researchers who are looking for participants for their studies. This national registry is operated by Vanderbilt University, a partner of the University of Kentucky Center for Clinical and Translational Science.

Joining [ResearchMatch](#) is voluntary and free, and it only takes a few minutes to sign up. Simply register and wait to be matched with studies that might interest you. The choice to participate is always yours, and you can remove your name from ResearchMatch at any time. You can search for specific medical conditions and studies on the "[About](#)" or "[Volunteer](#)" pages.

You can also review the list of current research studies at UK by visiting [UKclinicalresearch.com](#) or e-mailing ukclinicalresearch@uky.edu. The scope of our research goes beyond clinical trials for rare conditions, as do the many ways you can participate. It can be as simple as filling out a questionnaire, maintaining a diary, taking new medications, or using new devices.

Thank you for your time, and please consider joining us in our work to address the pressing health questions of our day.

Sincerely,

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