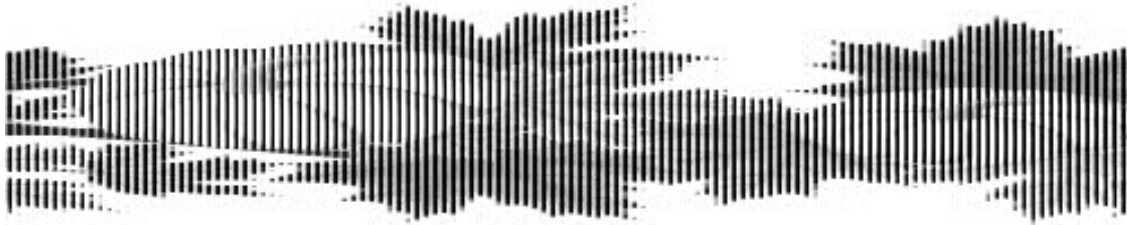




## Volunteer News

October 2021



## New updates to your Volunteer Dashboard!

ResearchMatch is excited to announce several new updates to the Volunteer Dashboard, inspired by feedback from our volunteers! These will help make it easier to access your research opportunities and allow you to tailor the types of research studies to your needs and interests.

### What's New?

#### *Study Invitation Table*

**Your Volunteer Dashboard has a new Study Invitation Table** where all your study invitations are stored. Now you can see the title of the study, how you responded, and the date the message was sent, and even respond to the study directly from the table! Just click the **“View Contact Message”** link, read the contact message, then click the link that indicates your interest. If you click **“Yes, I’m interested”** your contact information will be released to the study team. If you click **“No, thanks”** your information will remain hidden, and you will not be contacted about that study again.



Thank you for volunteering and helping advance health for all.

**Your recent ResearchMatch study invitations**

The following studies were sent to you or the Volunteers you registered as dependents.

Research Studies	Status	Contacted Date
A Person-Centered Approach to the S...	Waiting for your response <a href="#">view contact message</a>	Oct 11, 2021
Nursing home staff risk perceptions...	Waiting for your response <a href="#">view contact message</a>	Oct 07, 2021
Communication about personal and im...	Waiting for your response <a href="#">view contact message</a>	Oct 01, 2021
Study of Online Workplace Interacti...	Waiting for your response <a href="#">view contact message</a>	Sep 26, 2021
Impact of Dysfunctional HDL on Plat...	Waiting for your response	Sep 23, 2021

### Explore your Health Conditions

You can also find more information about the health conditions listed in your ResearchMatch profile, and explore research studies and non-profit partner organizations. These features allow you to:

- **Explore Recruiting Studies** related to your health conditions.
- Find **Relevant Foundations and Organizations** ResearchMatch partners with that focus on your health condition. You can help us find new partners and **“Suggest an Organization!”**
- Get access to health information about your conditions through **MedlinePlus Helpful Links**.
- Share ideas and feedback about your condition through **We want to hear from you!**
- Learn more about other ResearchMatch volunteers who report the same health conditions as you, on **ResearchMatch Information**.

[Log-in](#) to ResearchMatch and check-out these new updates! Don’t forget to update your profile while you are there. Simply click the “update your health information” link to update your health conditions and medications, your interests in studies related to being a parent or taking part in survey studies, and your language preferences.

## Volunteer Perspective - Sharing personal stories from ResearchMatch volunteers

In our April newsletter, we asked you to share your stories about how ResearchMatch helped connect you with a clinical research study and your experiences taking part in health research.

Sharing your story is a wonderful way to build community and

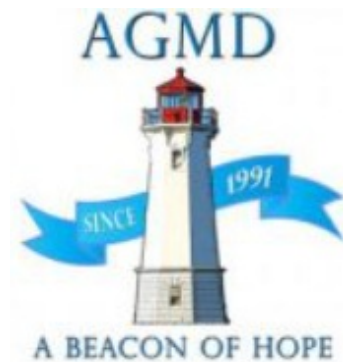
inspire others. Hear from one volunteer who shared their story about taking part in a research study through ResearchMatch:

*“ResearchMatch has connected me with a variety of different studies, however my favorite one was a study done on the correlation between rhythm and music, and one’s genetics. The trial consisted of me taking an online test which tested my sense of rhythm and musical recall. Then, I got to send a DNA sample so they could correlate my results with my genetics. It was a very interesting study, and they even let me know where I fell musically and rhythmically compared to the rest of the country. It felt good to help out with someone’s research, even if there is no compensation, the reward of helping someone else come closer to their research goals is enough!”*



If you would like to share your story, please email us at [info@researchmatch.org](mailto:info@researchmatch.org).

## What Researchers Should Know About Gastroparesis: A Patient's Perspective



Gastroparesis is a condition in which the stomach cannot empty itself of food in a normal way. ResearchMatch recently partnered with Ms. Maryangela DiTucci, Founder and President of the [Association of Gastrointestinal Motility Disorders](#) (AGMD) and Ms. Melissa Adams VanHouten, Public Policy and Outreach Director of AGMD to share information about the challenges of participating in research studies as a person living with gastroparesis. Ms. Adams VanHouten provided helpful recommendations to researchers on ways to improve the research experience for those living with this condition, to include:

- Provide opportunities to participate remotely in trials
- Incorporate patient feedback in the design of trials, e.g. consider travel and appointment demands
- Help potential participants understand the “fine print” of participating in a clinical trial
- Volunteers may not enroll in a trial if it requires discontinuing a medication that is controlling symptoms of gastroparesis.

[Click here](#) to watch a recording of this discussion and also become acquainted with our new partners at AGMD.

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