



Florida Clinical Trials Navigation Service Coordinator's Update

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What is Florida Clinical Trials?

- Florida Clinical Trials is a clinical trial information and navigation service. Through this service patients are able to obtain information on clinical trials as well as basic education on clinical research. Philip Marty, Ph.D. is the Principal Investigator for this project.
 - The main collaborative body, EmergingMed, is handling the overall logistics for the project.



Clinical Trials Matching Service For
University of South Florida



Major feedback and concern



- Purpose of questionnaire is to match potential patients to the appropriate set of trials within a disease area
- Feedback has suggested to exclude many questions
- Focus of questionnaires: **disease-specific**, NOT trial-specific
 - Instead of eliminating questions, incorporate undesirable questions into patient matching algorithm

Based on feedback, shifting approach to enhance overall process



- **Prior approach:**

1. Target engaged disease areas
2. Questionnaire review process between research team and EmergingMed
3. List revised questionnaire along with actively-enrolling trials on website

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- New approach:

1. **List ALL actively-enrolling trials on website**

2. Then, target engaged disease areas

3. Questionnaire review process between research team and EmergingMed

4. List revised questionnaire along with actively-enrolling trials on website



New approach ensures Florida Clinical Trials becomes:

- A centralized place for patients, providers, and research staff to find all clinical trials at USF that are actively enrolling patients
- A service that saves time for coordinators while helping to recruit more patients
 - Connecting patients to coordinators successfully
 - Providing basic clinical trial education
 - For interested research groups, offering basic pre-screening of patients

Next steps



- **Compiling list of actively-enrolling trials**
 - Have obtained preliminary list from our information and from clinicaltrials.gov
 - Need to confirm with coordinators in the coming 2 weeks – look for my e-mail
- Continuing questionnaire review process with research groups that express interest in including disease-specific questionnaire for patients
- Questions, concerns, suggestions – would be glad to hear from you at gpi@health.usf.edu