

# ClinicalTrials.gov Registration User's Guide

January 2018

## ClinicalTrials.gov Assistance and Training at WCM

- Contact the WCM ClinicalTrials.gov Administrator at registerclinicaltrials@med.cornell.edu to:
  - Schedule a one-on-one to review these slides and ClinicalTrials.gov responsibilities
  - Obtain a ClinicalTrials.gov account for yourself or a designee
- Visit the WCM ClinicalTrials.gov site at <u>http://researchintegrity.weill.cornell.edu/clinicaltrialsdotgov.html</u>

### Caveats

This user guide is a collaborative effort on the part of ClinicalTrials.gov administrators at 11 academic medical centers around the nation to share efficient, best practices for most registrations based on our experience within our institutions.

The recommendations within it should not be seen as necessarily required by law in all cases. The vast variety of circumstances for different registrations cannot be fully encompassed within a single slide set.

### Tips and Recommendations

- ✓ Chrome and Firefox are more likely to let you "expand" text boxes to see more
- ✓ Use MS Word to create and edit these fields carefully
- ✓ Do not use first or second person. Replace "I" and "we" with "the investigator"; replace "you" with "participants"
- ✓ Typos and spelling errors are not acceptable.
- ✓ Define all acronyms
- ✓ Use notes provided by PRS system to guide you (suggestions/reminders; not mandatory)
- ✓ The Draft Receipt function provides a copy of your record
  as it appears in PRS

### Validation Messages

- As you enter information, system validation (error, warning and note) messages may appear and disappear.
- Start by entering information for all required data elements.
- Note that some data elements are required, while others are conditionally required (based on information entered for other data elements).
- Finish by addressing all remaining validation messages.
- Complete all required fields before checking/stressing on validation.

### **Public Site**

NIH) U.S. National Library of Medicine

Clinical Trials.gov

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About Site •

ClinicalTrials.gov is a database of privately and publicly funded clinical studies conducted around the world.

#### Explore 264,317 research studies in all 50 states and in 203 countries.

ClinicalTrials.gov is a resource provided by the U.S. National Library of Medicine.

IMPORTANT: Listing a study does not mean it has been evaluated by the U.S. Federal Government. Read our disclaimer for details.

Before participating in a study, talk to your health care provider and learn about the risks and potential benefits.

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<ul> <li>All studies</li> </ul>	
Condition or disease (For example: breast	cancer)
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Other terms () (For example: NCT number, drug	100
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Help Studies by Topic Studies on Map Glossary

#### **Patients and Families**

Search for actively recruiting studies that you may be able to participate in or learn about new interventions/treatments that are being considered.

#### Researchers

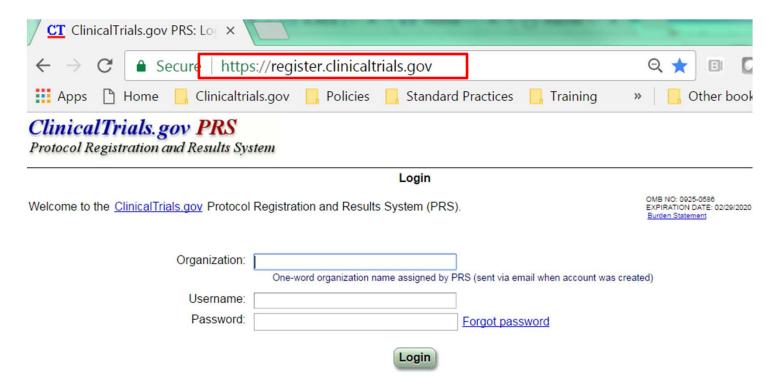
Learn more

Search the database to stay up to date on developments 
Learn about registering studies and about submitting in your field, find collaborators, and identify unmet needs. their results after study completion.

#### Study Record Managers

Learn more

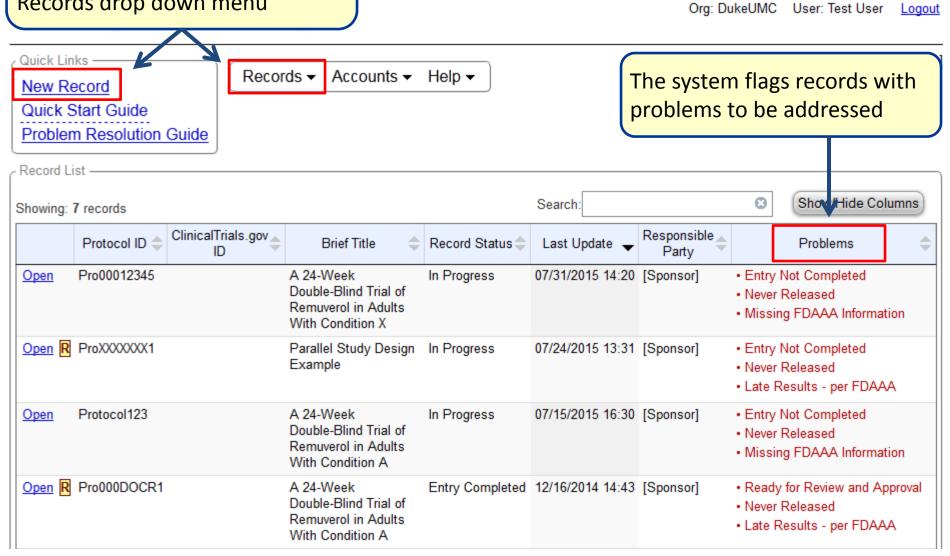
### Protocol Registration and Results System

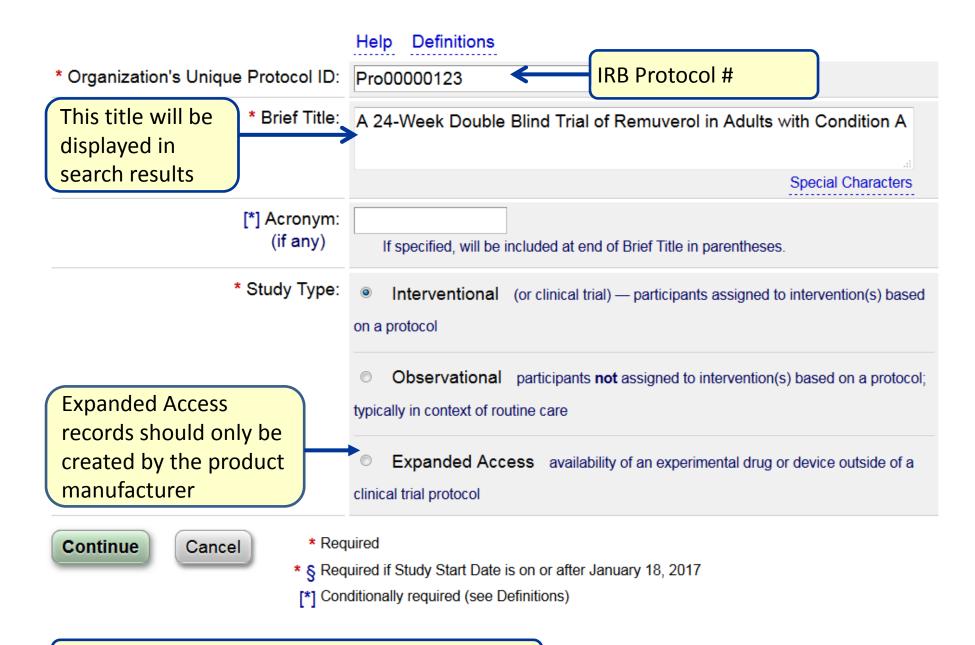


See <u>Submit Studies</u> on ClinicalTrials.gov for information on how to apply for an account, how to register your study, and how to submit result <u>Send email to ClinicalTrials.gov PRS</u> Administration

Organization Name: WeillMC. To obtain a new ClinicalTrials.gov user account, please contact <a href="mailto:registerclinicaltrials@med.cornell.edu">registerclinicaltrials@med.cornell.edu</a>

To create a new record, click the New Record link **or** use the Records drop down menu





More explanations for this stage on next screen

The Help link contains examples and data entry tips

The Definitions link contains the meaning of terms and useful information about field lengths

\* Organization's Unique Protocol ID: Pro00000123

\* Brief Title:

A 24-Week Double Blind Trial of Remuverol in Adults with Condition A

Special Characters

[\*] Acronym: (if any)

If specified, will be included at end of Brief Title in parentheses.

\* Study Type:

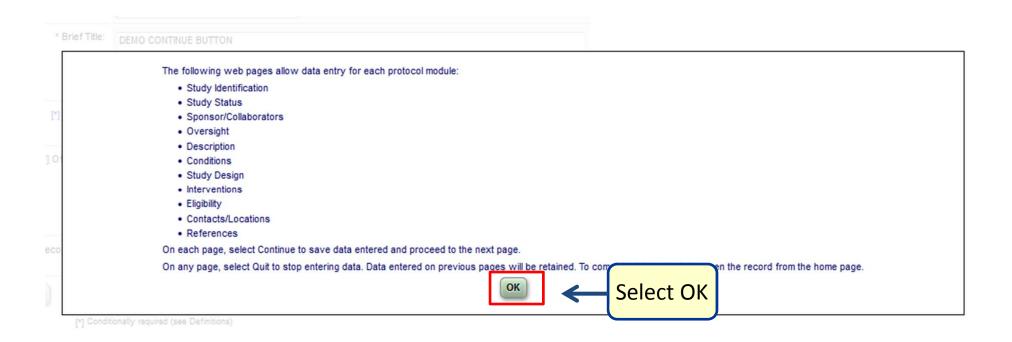
- Interventional (or clinical trial) participants assigned to intervention(s) based on a protocol
- Observational participants not assigned to intervention(s) based on a protocol;
   typically in context of routine care
- Expanded Access availability of an experimental drug or device outside of a clinical trial protocol

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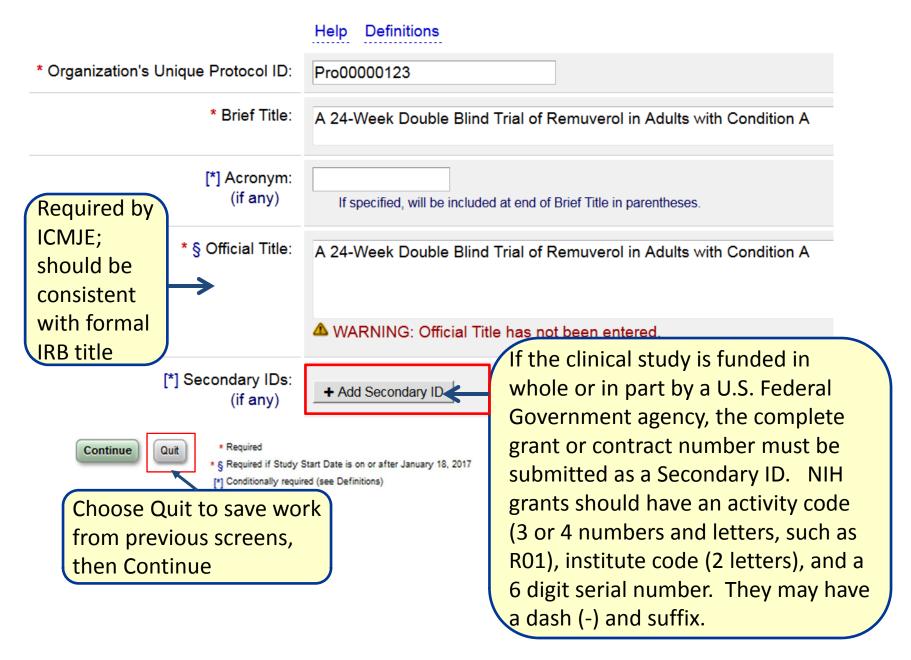
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- \* Required
- \* § Required if Study Start Date is on or after January 18, 2017
- [\*] Conditionally required (see Definitions)

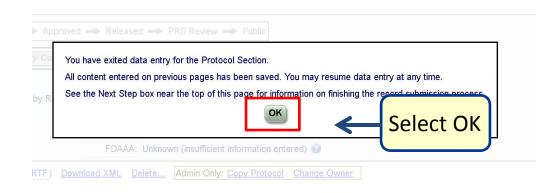
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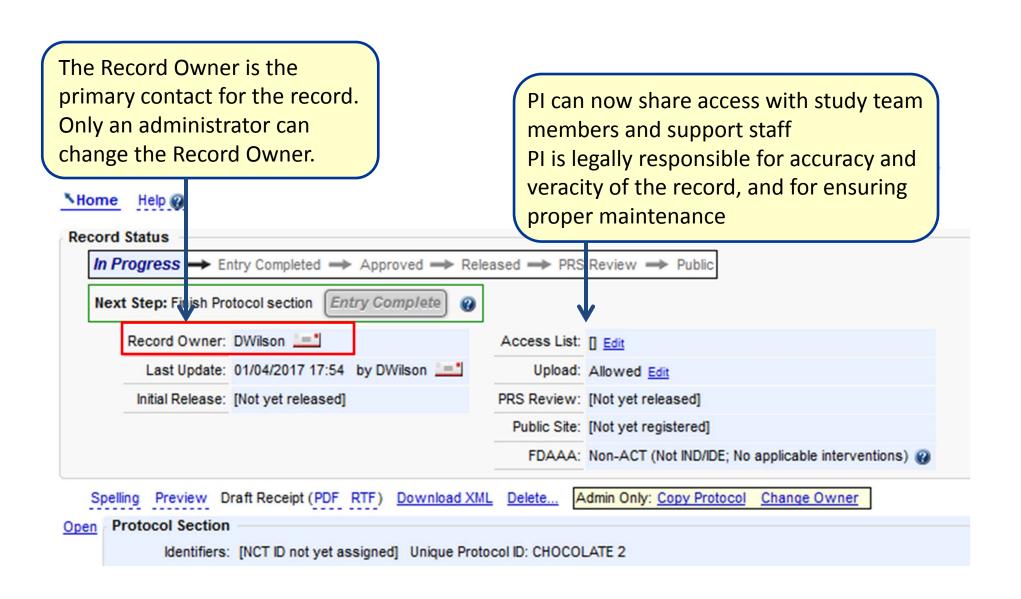


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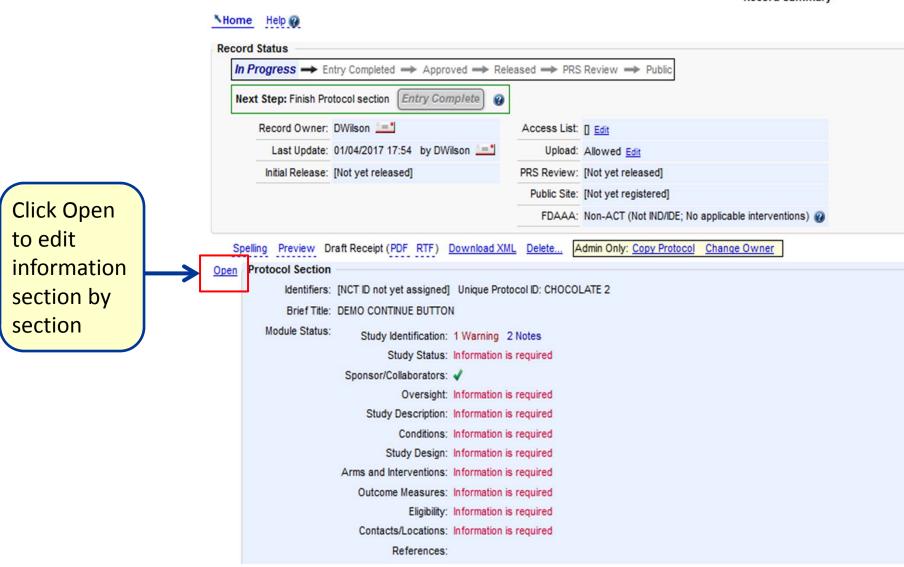


After you click "Quit", you will see this dialog box





#### **Record Summary**



#### Open

#### **Protocol Section**

Identifiers: [NCT ID not yet assigned] Unique Protocol ID: HUM000# C&M Secondary IDs: GHI99999

Brief Title: Chocolate & Music Headache Relief Study

Module Status: Study Identification: ✓

Study Status: 🗸

Sponsor/Collaborators: 2 Warnings

Oversight: 1 Note

Study Description: 🗸

Conditions: 🗳

Study Design: 🗸

Arms and Interventions: 1 Warning 7 Notes

Outcome Measures: 🎻

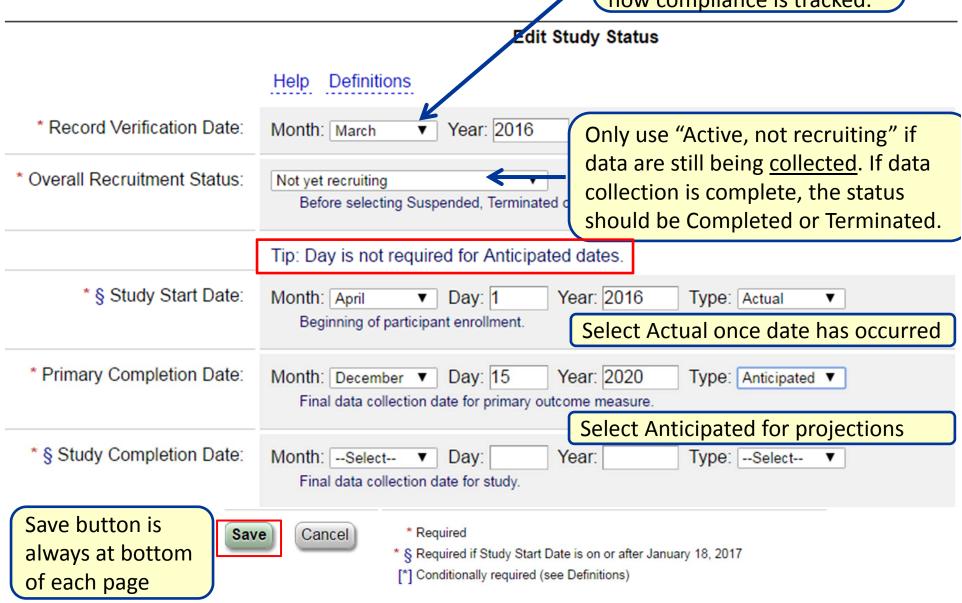
Eligibility: 🗸

Contacts/Locations: 1 Error

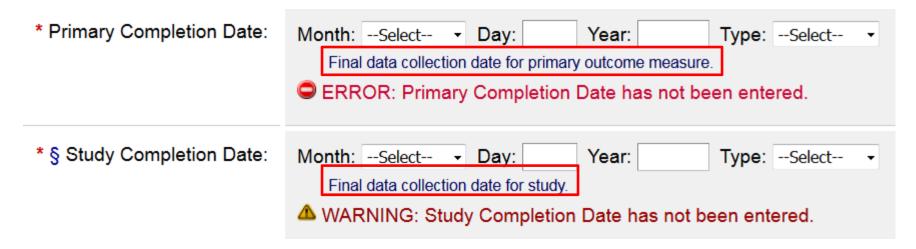
References:

As you fill in more information, the Record Summary will show your progress

Update this date every time the record is updated and review for accuracy. This is how compliance is tracked.



### **Primary and Study Completion Dates**



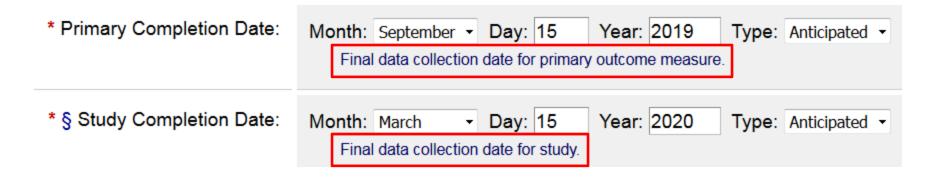
## Completion Dates are based on <u>data collection</u> They are NOT based on:

- data analysis
- database lock
- publication
- IRB closure

If you use these as Completion Dates, you may have LATE RESULTS

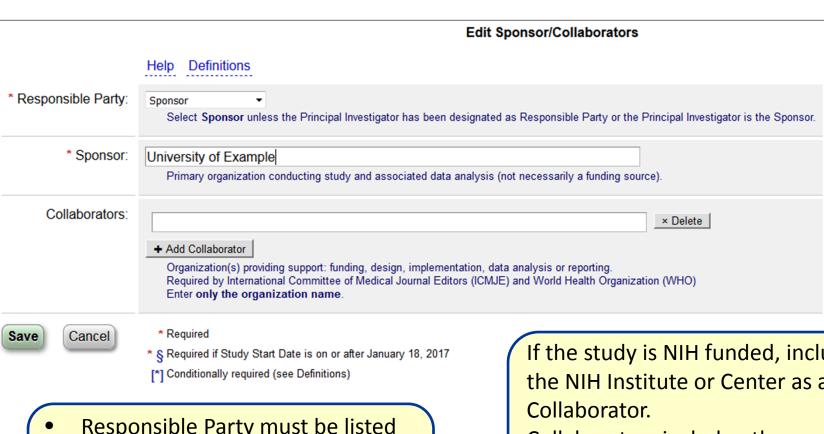
### **Primary and Study Completion Dates**

**Remember:** Results for the primary outcome measure(s) are due within one year of the Primary Completion Date. Results for the secondary outcome measures are due one year after the completion date for **that** outcome.



In this example, Primary Outcome results are due by **September 15, 2020**. All study results must be entered by **March 15, 2021**. Some secondary results may be due earlier depending on data collection time frames.

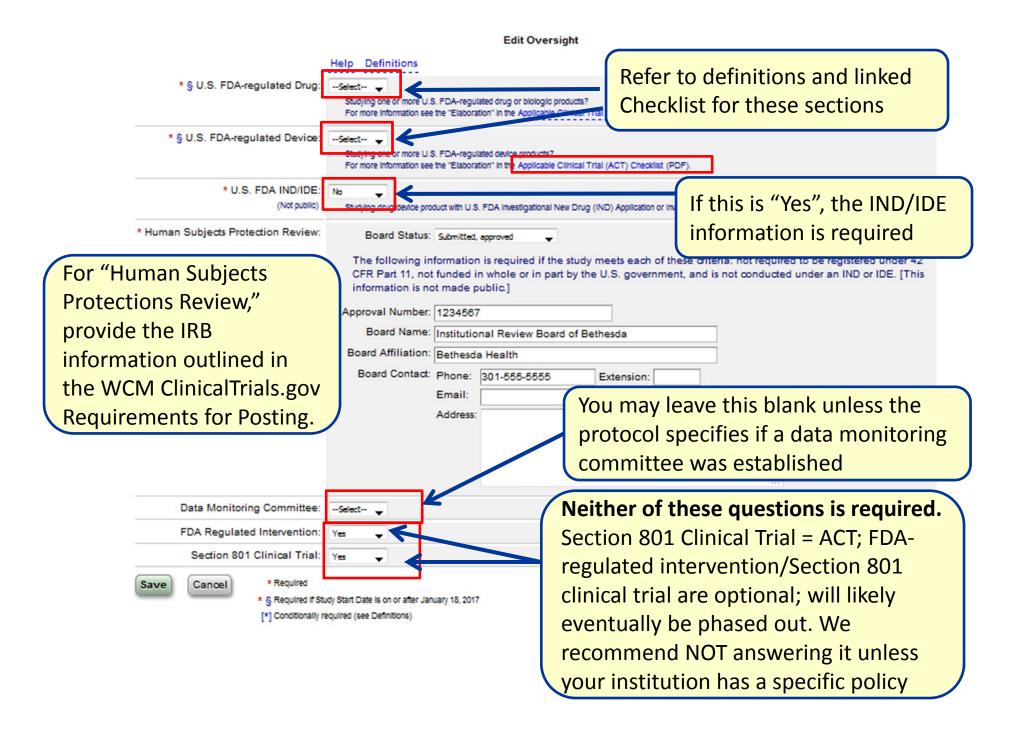
### Choosing sponsor



- Responsible Party must be listed as "Sponsor"
- Sponsor should be "Weill Medical College of Cornell University"

If the study is NIH funded, include the NIH Institute or Center as a

Collaborators include other funders, etc. Add as many as necessary.



Register **before** any enrollment begins

\* Human Subjects Protection Review: Board Status: Submitted, pending The following information is required if the study meets each of these criteria: not required to be registered under 42 CFR Part 11, not funded in whole or in part by the U.S. government, and is not conducted under an IND or IDE. [This information is not made public.] Provide the IRB Board Name: Board Affiliation: information Board Contact: Phone: Extension: outlined in the Email: **WCM** Address: ClinicalTrials.gov Requirements for Posting.

#### **Edit Study Description**

#### Help Definitions

\* Brief Summary:

The purpose of this study is to assess the safety and efficacy of Remuverol of

treatment of Condition A.

Describe the study hypothesis in terms understandable to the lay public. It can be adapted from the informed consent, but omit any and all personal pronouns, (e.g. we, you).

**Detailed Description:** 

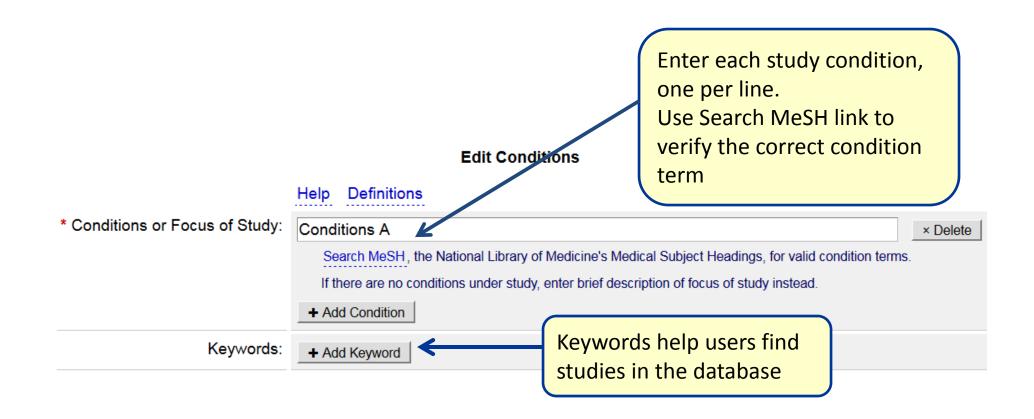


Avoid duplicating information that will be entered elsewhere, such as Eligibility Criteria or Outcome Measures.

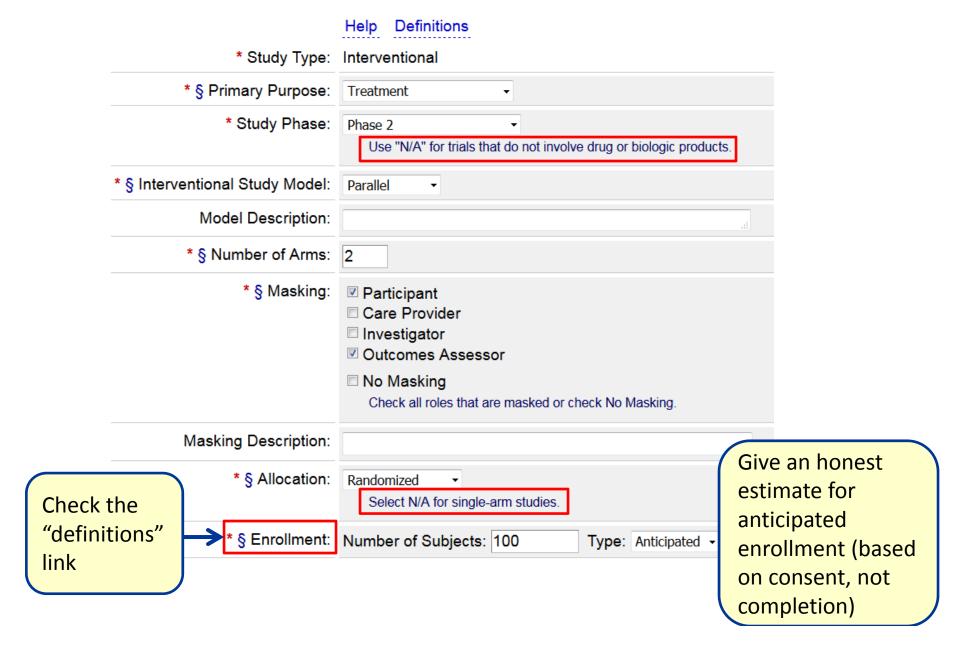
This field is optional and can be left blank. It does not have to be in lay language

It can be adapted from the background or aims section of the protocol, but do not copy and paste the entire protocol. This field cannot contain promotional language.

Where applicable, explain uncertainties or exploratory nature of study. If there are any parts of the trial, which the public *cannot* know about while the study is ongoing without affecting scientific integrity, such as deception research or inclusion/exclusion criteria which could be easily faked in order to join a study (e.g. pain levels in order to have access to a controlled substance), it would be good to explain here, e.g. "Some inclusion/exclusion criteria are purposely omitted at this time to preserve scientific integrity. They will be included after the trial is complete."



#### **Edit Interventional Study Design**



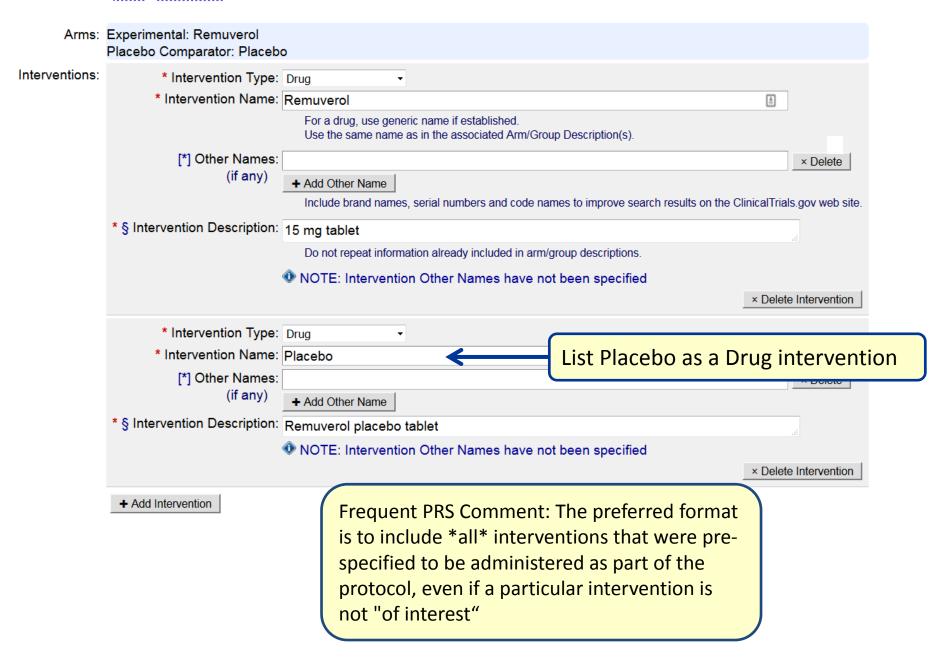
#### **Edit Arms**

### Help Definitions

Arms: \* Arm Title: Remuverol Formerly Arm Label. Brief, descriptive label to be used as row or column heading in tables. \* Arm Type: Experimental [\*] Arm Description: Participants receive Remuverol 15 mg tablet orally twice daily for 24 weeks. Describe the intervention(s) to be administered. For drugs use generic name and include dosage form, dosage, frequency and duration. × Delete Arm \* Arm Title: Placebo \* Arm Type: Placebo Comparator • [\*] Arm Description: Participants receive Remuverol placebo tablet matching Remuverol orally twice daily for 24 weeks. × Delete Arm Arms may not pre-exist based on how many arms you + Add Arm defined in the previous section. You must add each arm. Do not title your arm as Intervention or Arm 1. Arm title should be more descriptive.

#### **Edit Interventions**

#### Help Definitions



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Edit Arm/Intervention Cross-Reference

Help Definitions

will not exist for single arm studies. For multiple arm studies, you must link arms and interventions even when it seems that it's obvious that Arm A does intervention A and Arm B does intervention B.

\* Cross-Reference:

	Interventions	
Arms	Drug: Remuverol	Drug: Placebo
Experimental: Remuverol Participants receive Remuverol 15 mg tablet orally twice daily for 24 weeks.	V	
Placebo Comparator: Placebo Participants receive Remuverol placebo tablet matching Remuverol twice daily for 24 weeks.		V

Check boxes for Interventions associated with each Arm in the study.

ERROR: No interventions have been assigned to arm 'Remuverol'

ERROR: No interventions have been assigned to arm 'Placebo'

### **Outcome Measures**



- Protocol/statistical analysis plan must be submitted with results and will be public for studies with a primary completion date of 1/18/2017 or later
  - Ensure coherence among protocol and registration for primary, secondary and "other" outcomes
  - PRS reviewers may assume all outcomes are primary or secondary unless they are specified in the protocol as other or exploratory
- Include all PRIMARY and SECONDARY outcomes (tertiary/exploratory are optional)
- Label outcomes as "primary" or "secondary" per the protocol
  - Can list more than one primary if applicable

### **Outcome Measures**

- More registrations get rejected for inadequate Outcome Measure precision or inaccurate or multiple time frames than anything else.
- Outcome Measures should be specific and indicate what is being measured and is (or planned to be) reported.
- Remember the mantra: *Outcome Measures must be measurable outcomes*.

### Outcome Measure Tips: Title

Include the metric (i.e. scale, score, number, percentage)

**X** Ex: Safety

Ex: Safety, as measured by number of subjects with at least one AE

Be clear and concise; omit verbs

Ex: To determine the maximum tolerated dose of Drug A in patients with breast cancer.

Ex: Maximum Tolerated Dose of Drug A in patients with breast cancer

List outcomes separately

**X** Ex: All-cause mortality, hospitalizations, ER visits

Ex: Number of hospitalizations, Number of ER visits, Number of ER visits. Should be listed as 3 separate outcomes

- Exception: if a composite score of multiple measures will be used
  - Example: Count of individuals who experience any of the following: allcause mortality, hospitalizations, and emergency room visits

### Outcome Measure Tips: Time Frame

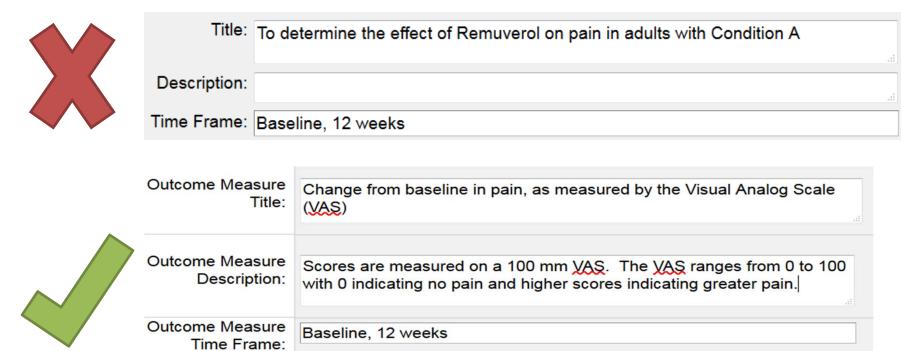
- Be specific (e.g. # of minutes, weeks, months)
  - Ex: Baseline, week 2
  - Ex: During hospitalization, approximately 5 days
  - Ex: Post-intervention, week 12
- If multiple time points are included:
  - If measuring change between the time points, add the word "change" to the title
  - If not measuring change, each time point needs to be listed as a separate outcome measure
- Remember that completion dates should reflect completion of data collection for your outcome measures. Refer back to study status section.

Average time, expected average time, or max assessment time would all be acceptable when the protocol cannot specify precise time frame

### Outcome Measure Tips: Description

- If a scale will be used, include the range and meaning of the scores
  - Example: The Hamilton Depression Rating Scale is used for rating the severity of depressive symptoms. Scores range from 0 to 50, with higher scores indicating greater severity of depression.
- If a scale is not linear (e.g. logarithmic), that would be good to note as well.

### Outcome Measures: Example 1



There are 2 time points, so the word "change" is added to the title

The Title includes the scale that will be used to assess change in pain

The Description includes the range of the scale and what the scale means

### Outcome Measures: Example 2



Title: To assess the safety of Remuverol

Description:

Time Frame: End of study



Title: Number of participants with at least one adverse event

Description: Adverse events will only include those that are determined to be related to the study drug.

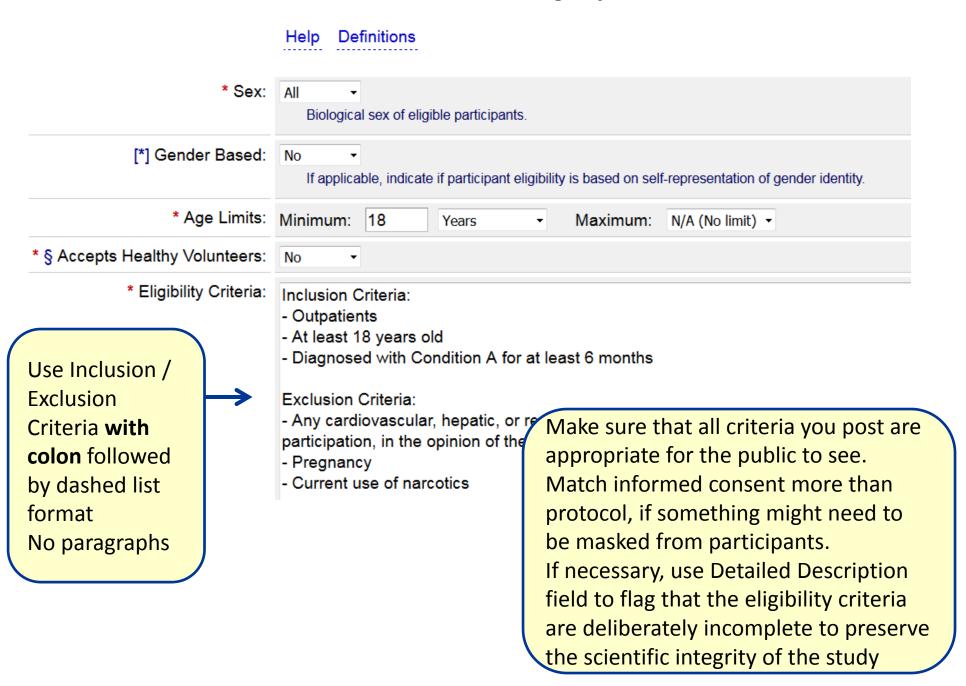
Time Frame: End of study (24 weeks)

The title includes the metric

The Time Frame includes the specific length of time

The Description defines "adverse events"

#### **Edit Eligibility**



#### **Edit Overall Contacts**

### Help Definitions

* Central Contact Person:	First Name: Kathy MI: A. Last Name: Coordinator Degree: BA  Phone: 919-123-4567 Ext: Email:
Central Contact Backup:	First Name: MI: Last Name: Degree:  Phone: Ext: Email:  Either Central Contact or Facility Contacts are required.  The individual's official title may be substituted for Last Name (leave First Name, MI and Degree blank).
Overall Study Officials:	First Name: Joe MI: Last Name: Investigator Degree: MD  Organizational Affiliation: Duke University Medical Center  Official's Role: Study Principal Investigator
Add the	NOTE: Study Official is required by the WHO and ICMJE.  PI as a Study Official

Overall contact may be used to differentiate a study coordinator or administrator from the study official.

#### Contacts/Locations

► Protocol Section Help Definitions

### Edit / Overall Contacts

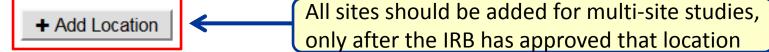
Central Contact Person: Kathy A. Coordinator, BA 919-123-4567

Central Contact Backup:

Overall Study Officials: Principal Investigator Joe Investigator, MD

**Duke University Medical Center** 

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#### **Edit Location**

### Help Definitions

* Facility:	Name:	<b>±</b>
	City:	
	State/Province:	ZIP/Postal Code:
	Country: United States	<b>—</b>
* Site Recruitment Status:	Select ▼ Recruitment status for this individual location.	Site recruitment status must be consistent with overall recruitment
* Facility Contact:	First Name: MI: Las Degree:	status; if overall recruitment is not recruiting, no site can be recruiting
Facility Contact Backup:	Phone: Ext:	Email:
	First Name: MI: Last	Name:
	Degree:	
	Phone: Ext:	Email:
	Either Central Contact or Facility Contacts are The individual's official title may be substituted	required. for Last Name (leave First Name, MI and Degree blank).
Investigators:	+ Add Investigator	

#### **Edit References**

Definitions

Studies available in PubMed are linked automatically if the NCT# was included in the publication. Others need to be added manually

Citations: PubMed ID: Lookup Use the PubMed Citation Matcher to search for citations based on journal name, date, author(s), fitle and other criteria. Indicate if the reference provided Citation: reports results from this study Results Reference: --Select-- -× Delete Citation Enter Citation Text + Add Citation Links: URL: http:// Description: × Delete Link + Add Link

## The Record Summary

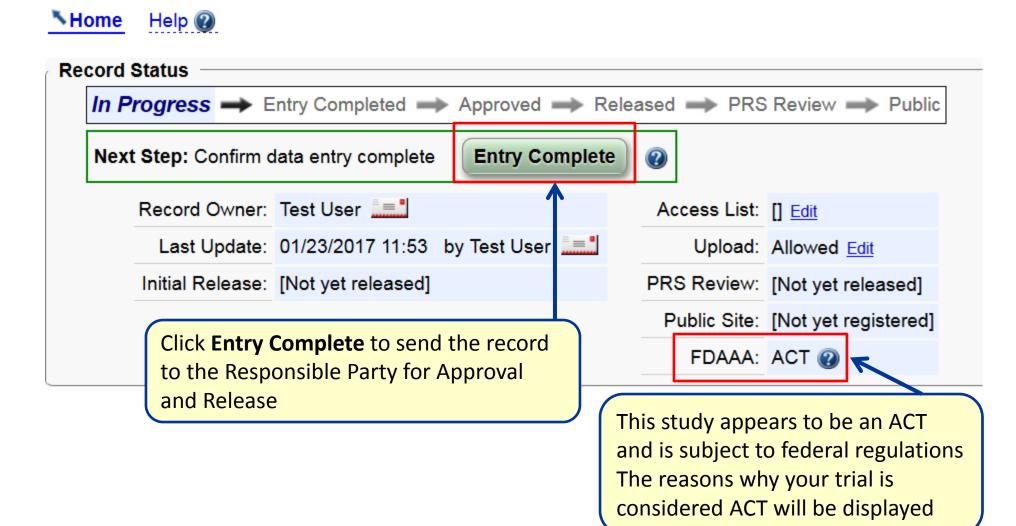
Spelling Preview Draft Receipt (PDF RTF) Download XML Delete... Open Protocol Section Identifiers: [NCT ID not yet assigned] Unique Protocol ID: Pro00000123 Brief Title: A 24-Week Double Blind Trial of Remuverol in Adults With Condition A Module Status: **Errors** must be Study Identification: <a>1</a> Note addressed before Click the **Spelling** link to releasing the record Sponsor/Collaborators: 🗸 review spelling errors Oversight: 1 Note **Warnings** indicate and unexpanded potentially serious Study Description: Information is required acronyms issues that should be Conditions: 2 Errors reviewed and addressed Study Design: 🗸 as needed Arms and Interventions: 

2 Notes **Notes** indicate other Outcome Measures: < potential issues; Eligibility: address as needed Contacts/Locations: 1 Error NOTE: Study Official is required by the WHO and ICMJE.

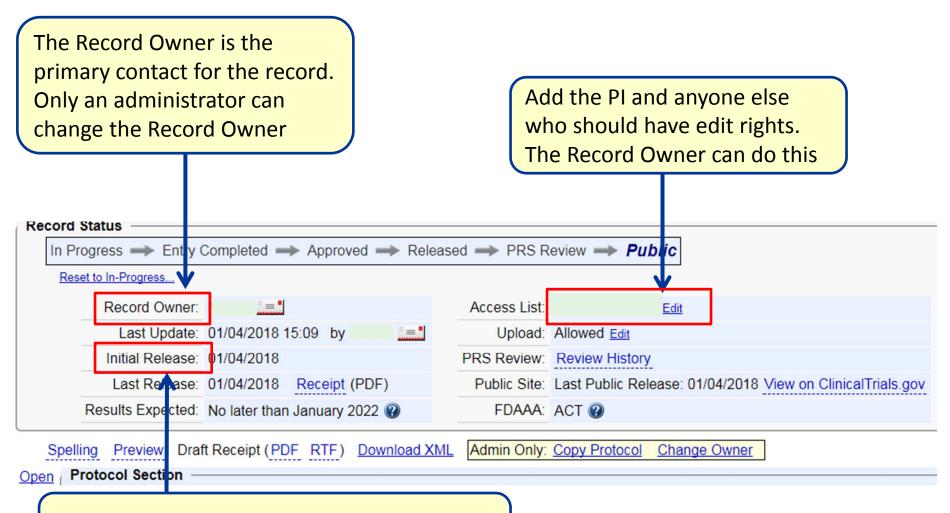
When the Record Summary shows all green checks, the PI should carefully review the record. False statements are criminal under the regulations! For new registrations, the PI should read each section carefully

## The Record Summary – to complete

#### **Record Summary**



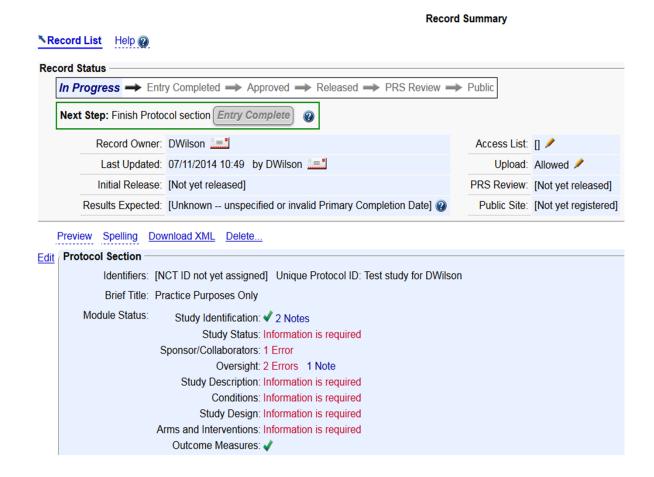
## The Record Summary – User Information



**Initial Release** date displays on the public site. This is important for FDAAA and ICMJE

## Can a Study Record be Deleted?

- Only if the study record has never been published on ClinicalTrials.gov
- Otherwise, No.
- ClinicalTrials.gov serves as a long-term public registry.
   Once a study record is published, it remains in the system even after a trial has closed.
- If you find a duplicate, contact ClinicalTrials.gov at register@clinicaltrials.gov.



### **PRS** Review

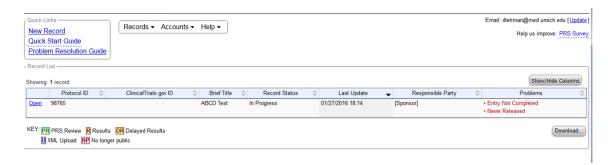
Once the record is released, ClinicalTrials.gov conducts a manual review

- If major issues are identified, the record owner and RP will receive notification from ClinicalTrials.gov with comments
- The study will be reset to In Progress
- Study Owner/RP must correct the issues and re-release it within 15 calendar days (new in 42 CFR 11)
- If no major issues are identified, the study is assigned an NCT number and published on the public side of the database (clinicaltrials.gov)
- This process takes about 2-5 business days
- Even if its published, advisory comments may be posted.
   Corrections are not mandatory

## Ongoing Responsibilities of Record Owners

- Records can be transferred to other user accounts as staff change
- Records must be updated every 12 months and within 30 days of Recruitment Status changes or amendments that affect information in clinicaltrials.gov record, especially recruitment status, location and contact information
- Always update the Record Verification Date to indicate that you have updated or reviewed the record
- Records must be updated within 30 days after the completion date (last data collection)
- Failure to update information on ClinicalTrials.gov can result in penalties. There are more specific update requirements in 42 CFR 11.64

## Checking your Problem Records

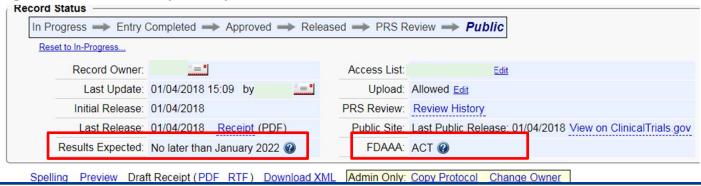


### PRS System identifies current 'Problem Records'

- Records that have not been marked as completed
- Active studies that have not been updated (or the Record Verification Date has not been updated)
- Records missing one or more FDAAA-required data elements:
  - Responsible Party
  - Study Start Date
  - Primary Completion Date
  - Primary Outcome Measure
- Records that appear to be overdue for FDAAA results reporting

### Do You Need to Submit Results?

- All Applicable Clinical Trials (ACTs) are required to submit results
- All NIH-funded trials begun on after 1/18/2017 and applied for on or after 1/18/2017 must report results, whether ACTs or not
- Other grantors may require results submission



Based on registration information entered, the system will assess whether the trial appears to be:

- 1) An ACT with results required by law
- 2) A Non-ACT: results <u>ARE</u> not required by law, though NIH policy (if so funded) or other funders' policies may still require results reporting
- 3) Older trials may be designated Probable ACT or Probable Non-ACT Note: There is no reminder flag for NIH-funded trials.

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