

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION TRIALMATCH™ FACT SHEET

Alzheimer's Association's Clinical Trials Matching Service

What is Alzheimer's Association TrialMatch™?

Alzheimer's Association TrialMatch is a first-of-its-kind, free, confidential interactive tool that provides comprehensive clinical trial information and an individualized trial matching service for people with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Alzheimer's Association TrialMatch operates through the Internet (www.alz.org/TrialMatch), and through the Alzheimer's Association toll-free phone number (800-272-3900). This powerful new tool is also available to caregivers, physicians, researchers and people interested in becoming "healthy volunteers."

When will Alzheimer's Association TrialMatch be available?

Alzheimer's Association TrialMatch will be widely available beginning in July 2010 after its launch at the Alzheimer's Association 2010 International Conference on Alzheimer's Disease (ICAD) in Honolulu, HI – www.alz.org/icad/

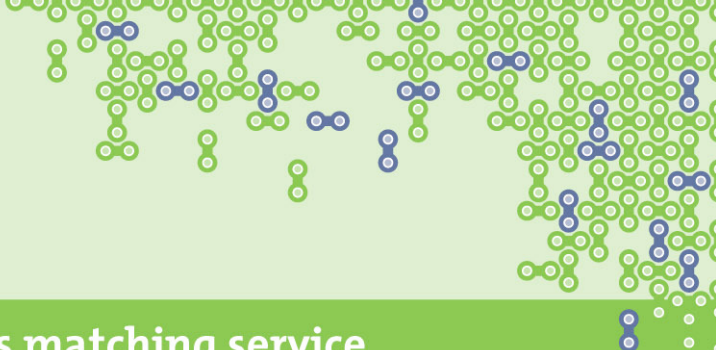
What types of trials are included in Alzheimer's Association TrialMatch?

Alzheimer's Association TrialMatch contains institutional review board (IRB)-approved Alzheimer's, mild cognitive impairment (MCI) and other dementia trials currently taking place throughout the United States.

Where does Alzheimer's Association TrialMatch get its listings? How is it kept up to date?

Alzheimer's Association TrialMatch listings come from publicly-available sources, such as clinicaltrials.gov, though all the studies listed there are being contacted to get updates on recruiting status and local sites. In addition, direct outreach is being made to a variety of research facilities and trial sites across the country to include their Alzheimer's/dementia studies in the database. In order to be included in Alzheimer's Association TrialMatch, trial sites must submit proof of their approval by an institutional review board (IRB). This is a committee that approves, monitors, and reviews research involving humans to protect the rights and welfare of the research subjects. Then the trials go through additional vetting by the Alzheimer's Association prior to being listed to ensure that listings only include credible trials and investigators.

The technology and platform for Alzheimer's Association TrialMatch is provided by EmergingMed.



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Who can use Alzheimer's Association TrialMatch?

Alzheimer's Association TrialMatch is for people with Alzheimer's, their caregivers and healthcare professionals to explore and identify clinical trials based on individualized criteria. Healthy volunteers and researchers may also use Alzheimer's Association TrialMatch.

Why is Alzheimer's Association TrialMatch important?

Alzheimer's disease is reaching epidemic proportions, and there are inadequate levels of volunteers for clinical trials. This is significantly impeding critical research and the development of new treatments. Recruiting and retaining participants for clinical studies is one of the greatest obstacles to developing the next generation of Alzheimer's treatments.¹

There is ground-breaking research going on right now that could have a measurable beneficial impact on the lives of current and future Alzheimer's patients, such as through the development of new therapies and prevention strategies. The Alzheimer's Association is looking to physicians to play a leadership role in referring their patients to clinical trials in Alzheimer's and dementia. Alzheimer's Association TrialMatch is the vehicle for people with dementia, their healthcare professionals and caregivers to gain access and take part in research studies quickly and easily.

How do I use Alzheimer's Association TrialMatch?

- STEP 1: Access Alzheimer's Association TrialMatch online at www.alz.org/TrialMatch or by calling the toll-free number, (800) 272-3900.
- STEP 2: Complete a brief questionnaire, either online or over the phone, to create a profile for the potential clinical trial participant.
- STEP 3: Based on the specified eligibility and criteria (i.e., diagnosis, treatment history, location), the Alzheimer's Association will compare your unique profile to its comprehensive, up-to-date clinical trial database.
- STEP 4: With your permission, an Alzheimer's Association Contact Center specialist will contact you to provide unbiased trial result options and trial site contact information. Specialists will not recommend any particular trial, but will help you identify trials that match your specific eligibility and criteria.

Note: The Alzheimer's Association Contact Center is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to answer questions about clinical trials and the recruiting process. Alzheimer's Association TrialMatch specialists will be available from 7 am to 7 pm CT, Mon.-Fri.

How is Alzheimer's Association TrialMatch different from ClinicalTrials.gov?

- Alzheimer's Association TrialMatch contains only Alzheimer's and related dementia trial information.
- Alzheimer's Association TrialMatch contains the most comprehensive and up-to-date information on trial compounds, methodology, recruitment status and trial site locations.
- Alzheimer's Association TrialMatch will include only open and actively recruiting trials and site locations in the matches presented to users.
- Individuals will receive matches to trials based upon their personal background, diagnosis, and treatment history.
- Alzheimer's Association TrialMatch was designed for use by people with Alzheimer's. This includes access to live, specially trained staff to help users navigate the database and web-based tools developed with considerable input from people with dementia.
- Individuals will have access to the Alzheimer's Association's national Contact Center 24 hours a day to ask any questions they may have about clinical trials and their matches.

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