



AEA RCT Registry

The American Economic Association's registry for randomized controlled trials

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FAQ

How do I register a trial?

To register a trial, you must first have a user account. See [How to Register a Trial](#) for more information.

Is registration free?

For the moment, registration is free.

Who will have access to the information I provide?

If you decide, key information can be hidden until the time where the trial is completed. You can also upload confidential documents for record keeping, and those will never be shared unless you explicitly authorize it.

Do I have to be the principal investigator in order to register a trial?

Any user can set up an account and register a trial. However, to identify the PIs associated with that trial, an e-mail confirmation will be sent to all listed PIs. We strongly advise that PIs review content before registration.

How do I give someone access to edit a registration?

From the trial's edit page, click "Manage Collaborators." Enter the email address of the person you are granting access to in the "Add Collaborator" field and click "Save." Note: To add a collaborator, they first must have an account on the system. Once added, they will be able to edit any part of the trial.

How do I make someone else the Primary Investigator of a trial?

To make someone else the Primary Investigator for a trial, they first must be added as a collaborator. Once they have been made a collaborator, select their name from the "Primary Investigator" drop down menu and click "Save." They will now be listed as the Primary Investigator.

How can I see whether a trial has been changed?

All edits are preserved and can be accessed on the "View Trial History" tab of any trial.

Who developed the registry software?

The registry software was implemented by Vermonster, with prototype work by Ann Patrice Hickey, of Eden Design.

How should I cite my registration?

Upon registration, an auto-generated citation will appear on your public registered trial. Your registration can also simply be cited as; AEA RCT Registry, RCT ID: AEARCTR-0000000. For example, "This study is registered in the AEA RCT Registry and the unique identifying number is: AEARCTR-0000000."

Is there a review process?

Yes, as of January 5, 2017, draft trials will be reviewed for criteria that must be met before a research project is published in the AEA RCT Registry. Researchers should **review the criteria**, and thoroughly inspect their entry before submitting their trial registration.

What if I want to publish in a medical / health journal?

This registry is for social scientists and is not an approved registry for clinical trials as defined by health journals. If you plan to publish in a health journal, you may want to also register at a clinical trial registry **ICTRP**.

How is each field explicitly defined?

Take a look at this **field definitions guide**.