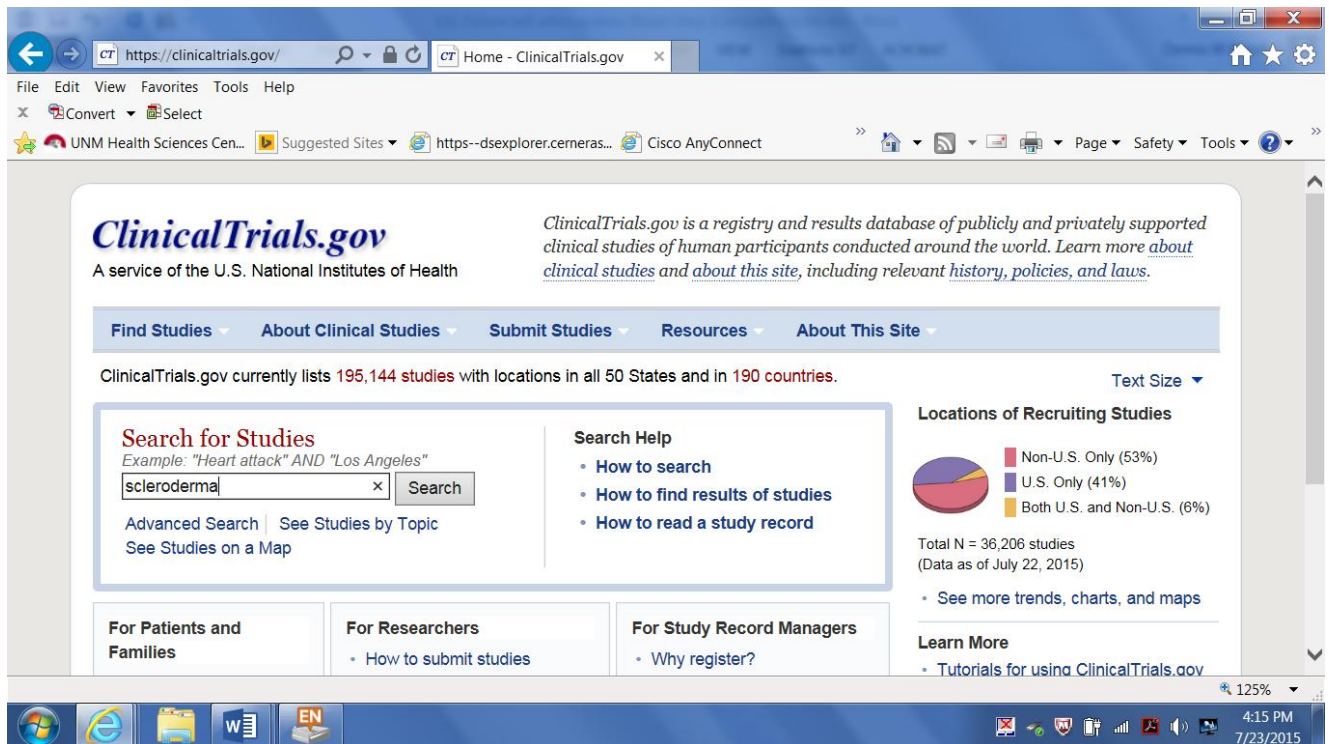


# Using the Clinical trials.gov Website

Being in a clinical trial may be an alternative you want to consider. These studies usually have an active treatment group and a placebo group and you would be randomly selected to either group. Before enrolling in a clinical trial you are required to be given informed consent. Informed consent is used to make sure you understand the possible risks and benefits of being in the study. Keep in mind though that because it is a study, it means that benefits are unproven, so there is always a possibility that there may be no benefit to you, even though there may be risks. However, regardless of how you benefit, results of clinical trials may help someone in the future. Ethical requirements of clinical trials include the opportunity for you to drop out of the study at any time, without any negative consequence in receiving your usual care. If you find a study that you may be interested in, discuss it with your doctor and family.

Basic steps for using the [www.clinicaltrials.gov](https://www.clinicaltrials.gov) website:

1. In the search box, type scleroderma or systemic sclerosis.



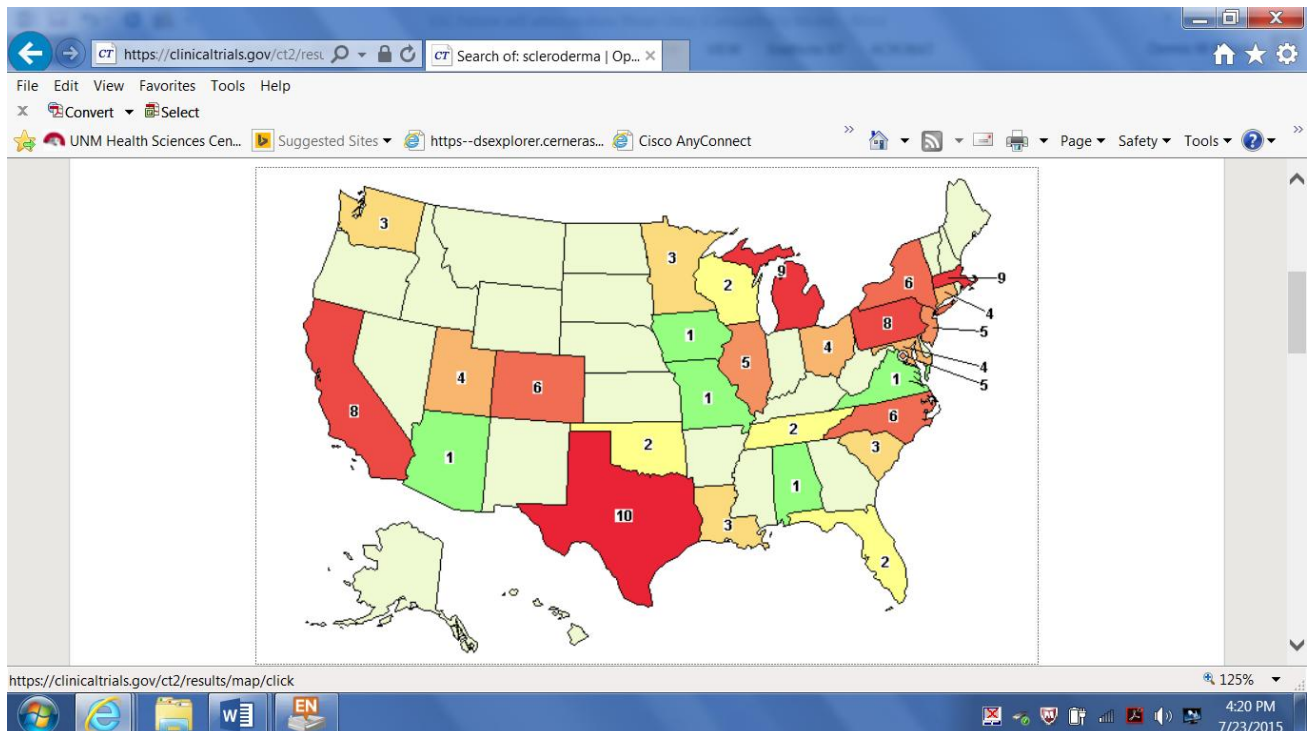
2. On the next screen you can choose to include only open studies, meaning they are still recruiting patients.

The screenshot shows the ClinicalTrials.gov search results page for 'scleroderma'. The browser address bar shows 'https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/resu...'. The search results indicate '101 studies found for: scleroderma | Open Studies'. A blue arrow points to the 'On a Map' button. Below the buttons, there is a section for 'Show Display Options' with a checkbox for 'Include only open studies' which is checked. Below this, a table lists the top study:

Rank	Status	Study
1	Recruiting	<a href="#">Scleroderma Registry &amp; Repository at the Hospital for Special Surgery</a> Condition: Scleroderma Intervention:

The taskbar at the bottom shows the date and time as 4:17 PM on 7/23/2015.

You can view the studies on a map (see arrow above) to find those closest to you.



3. By selecting states nearby you can see those that are near you.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/resu>. The search results for 'scleroderma' in California are displayed. The page shows 8 studies found. The first study is 'Multi-center, Web Based Observational Study of Pulmonary Hypertension in Scleroderma Patients', which is currently recruiting. The second study is 'Scleroderma Treatment With Autologous Transplant (STAT) Study', also recruiting. The page includes filters for 'Include only open studies' and 'Exclude studies with Unknown status'. The bottom of the browser window shows the Windows taskbar with the time 4:23 PM on 7/23/2015.

8 studies found for: scleroderma | Open Studies | United States, California  
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Rank	Status	Study
1	Recruiting	<a href="#">Multi-center, Web Based Observational Study of Pulmonary Hypertension in Scleroderma Patients</a> Conditions: Systemic Sclerosis; Scleroderma; Pulmonary Hypertension; Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension Intervention:
2	Recruiting	<a href="#">Scleroderma Treatment With Autologous Transplant (STAT) Study</a> Condition: Systemic Scleroderma Interventions: Procedure: peripheral blood stem cell transplantation; Drug: cyclophosphamide;

4. Get more information by clicking on the study that may fit your situation.

The screenshot shows the detailed view of a study titled 'Efficacy and Safety of Riociguat in Patients With Systemic Sclerosis'. The study is currently recruiting participants. The sponsor is Bayer. The study type is Interventional, and the design is a Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Phase II study. The purpose is to investigate the efficacy and safety of Riociguat in patients with Diffuse Cutaneous Systemic Sclerosis (dcSSc). The study includes a table with the following information:

Condition	Intervention	Phase
Scleroderma, Systemic	Drug: Riociguat (Adempas, BAY63-2521) Drug: Placebo	Phase 2

The study also includes information about the sponsor (Bayer), the study type (Interventional), the study design (Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Phase II), and the primary purpose (Treatment). The official title is 'A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Phase II Study to Investigate the Efficacy and Safety of Riociguat in Patients With Diffuse Cutaneous Systemic Sclerosis (dcSSc)'. The resource links provided by NLM are also listed.

5. Find a study site near you by clicking on locations, which will also display a contact number for more information. Some studies include phone numbers at each location.

