

Research Participants Do Travel

It has been known for quite some time that research participants are:

- willing to travel to participate in studies
- willing to enroll in multiple studies simultaneously
- willing to enroll in a new study prior to completing the necessary washout period

Unfortunately, there had not been a robust solution to this problem until a few years ago with the founding of clinicalRSVP in 2008. To date, >100,000 participants have been screened and >1,000 studies have been completed in the clinicalRSVP registry. As a result, thousands of participants have been prevented from dual enrolling in studies. This has been accomplished with 25% of North American Phase I beds participating, primarily in Florida and Ontario with more recently contributing sites joining in the West, Midwest, and Northeast.

Recent Case Study:

Spaulding Clinical, located in the Midwest, made the thought-leading decision for their area to join the clinicalRSVP network prior to any other local sites committing to the registry. From their perspective, the registry is a demonstration of their ongoing commitment to both subject safety and data integrity, whether other local sites choose to participate immediately or not. It has quickly proven to be a wise decision. Spaulding Clinical officially kicked off usage of the clinicalRSVP registry at their site in Wisconsin in late May 2012. In the first month of usage, Spaulding has already identified four study participants that came to their site from other regions (>1,300 miles apart). One of participants identified had completed a study less than 10 days prior at a clinicalRSVP site in another region. Without clinicalRSVP to centralize subject data and report this prior participation from another site, the subject may have been enrolled in the new trial.

This short case study demonstrates the impact a single site, even with relative geographic isolation from other participating registry sites, can have when making a commitment to join the registry. For the past 18 months, the registry has averaged 1-2 subjects per month traveling between the Southeast and Northeast regions, which in combination with the new Midwest data further confirms that joining the registry has value to all sites involved regardless of geographic location.