



hmri research register

The HMRI Research Register was developed in June 2005 to assist the Hunter's health and medical researchers to recruit participants for their studies. This free resource is available to all researchers affiliated with HMRI, and provides access to a wide cross-section of the community.

What is the HMRI Research Register?

The HMRI Research Register is a database of people from all over the Hunter who are interested in participating in health and medical research projects conducted by Hunter researchers. A valuable resource for researchers, the database assists with participant recruitment, mostly for healthy control subjects.

Why is the Register important?

Without human participants, many aspects of health and medical research simply cannot happen. The Research Register helps you by making recruitment of research participants faster and more economical. Having access to a wide range of participant criteria ensures that you have access to the type of people require for your research projects.

What's involved?

To access participants from the Register, you must first have your study independently reviewed and approved by the University of Newcastle Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) and/or the Hunter New England

Human Research Ethics Committee (HNEHREC), and also have satisfied the requirements of the HMRI Research Register Management Committee.

Once approved, the Register Coordinator contacts participants by letter on your behalf, inviting them to participate in the research project. Those individuals who respond in the affirmative will have their contact details forwarded to you. You may specify a range of inclusion or exclusion criteria for participant recruitment.

Register members who match the criteria of your study will be invited to participate in your project, and studies can also be promoted through the quarterly newsletter, Register News, which is sent to all Register volunteers. Past editions of Register News can be viewed at www.hmri.net.au.

Who joins the Research Register?

The Register includes a wide range of people from 18 years anywhere up to 90 years, irrespective of current or previous medical conditions.

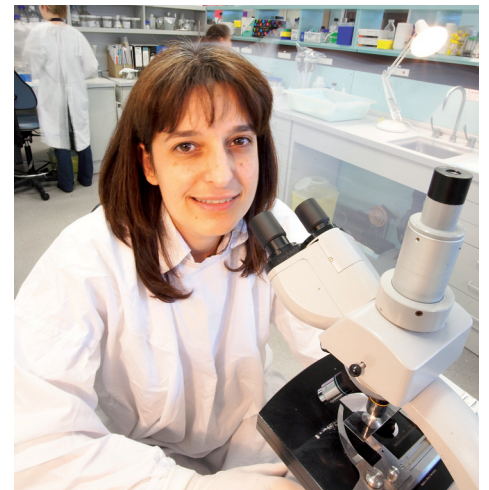
Having access to participants across the whole spectrum of health can improve the quality of research by providing a wide cross-section

of the population for use in your research projects. HMRI gathers basic information about the medical history of Register volunteers, but you can also specify detailed inclusion and exclusion criteria in invitations to participate.

For more information about using the HMRI Research Register, please contact the Register Coordinator, Trisha Daccione:

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Since its inception, the HMRI Research Register has issued over 5,000 invitations to participate in 40 research studies in the areas of asthma, multiple sclerosis, lupus, schizophrenia, stroke, Parkinson's disease, depression, and vascular disease.

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