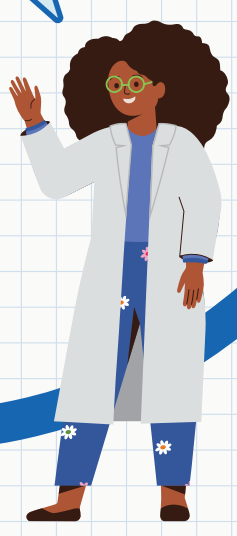
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What happens... **At the End of a Research Study?**

Know Your Vocab!
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Thank you for participating! Your contributions should **help others.**



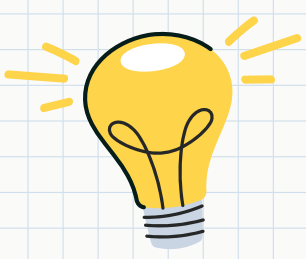
Your **participation** in a study **is complete** when the investigators **finish collecting information** from you.

So, what happens next?

Well, first off, the study isn't officially over until the researchers have **finished collecting data from all the participants**.

The researchers then need to organize all that information (data).





They then analyze all the data to get an answer to their research question.

Will I hear from the research team after the study?

MAYBE!

You are not forgotten!

You and the research team can still contact each other if any questions come up.

Does finishing the study change anything about my regular medical care?

NO!

You'll still be able to keep seeing your usual doctor(s) for regular care.



What information will investigators keep about me after the study is over?

It depends.

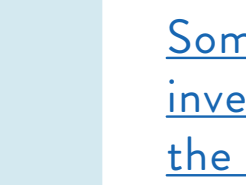
Sometimes investigators destroy the information they collected from you.

Other times, investigators keep your information so they can look at it again in the future.

Investigators may share your information with other investigators. If they do, they'll try their best to keep your identity confidential.

How can I find the study's overall results?

What about seeing my individual results?



Each research study is different.

The information you receive might depend on where the research is conducted.

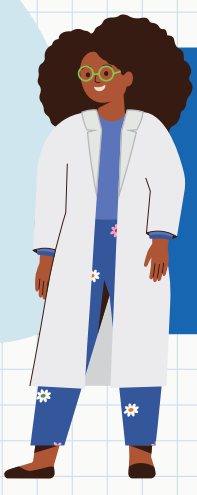
You can always ask the research team.

Ask any questions you have!

Questions?

You have the right to know!





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