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Know Your Vocab Cheat Sheet

Important Clinical Research Terms

Analyze	To examine study data to answer a question and help reach conclusions
Anonymize	Remove, change, or hide personal details to protect participant privacy
Assent	Willingness to take part in a research study by someone who is not able to give legal consent
Benefit	The ways a research study might help the participant and others
Clinical research	A type of science that uses people's data to study health, illness, behaviors, or conditions in careful and defined ways
Clinical study / clinical trial	A research study that tests drugs, devices and treatments to see if they are safe and work in people
Confidentiality	Protecting personal information from people who should not have access
Consent	The process of learning and discussing the details of a research study before deciding whether to take part
Data	Information collected from or about people taking part in a research study
Enroll	The action of a participant joining the study after providing informed consent or assent
Focus group	A group interview to learn what people think about a topic
Informed consent form	A document used to explain the planned research before a person decides whether or not to join a study
Investigator	A person who leads a research study
Participate	To take part in a study
Personal data	Any information that is related to a person, including information that can identify them
Results	Findings from the study
Risk	The possible harms of being in a research study
Study participant	A person who joins a research study

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