




What Happens to Data If You Leave a Research Study?



Participants have the right to leave a study at any time and for any reason.

There are three ways you might leave a clinical study early:

 Discontinuation <i>(Stop some parts)</i> <p>You can stop specific treatments, procedures, or visits while staying in the study. Some data collection may continue based upon the study design and the plan you make with the study team.</p>	 Withdrawal <i>(Leave the study)</i> <p>You can stop all participation and future data collection. The study team may only check your well-being if essential for research safety - no other data will be collected.</p>	 Study Termination <i>(Full study stop)</i> <p>Experts that oversee the research can end the study for all participants, for reasons such as safety concerns, lack of effectiveness, or clear benefits found early. Everyone should have a final visit to exit safely.</p>
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After a study is over ...

- Your data is analyzed and is stored and protected as required by law.
- The consent form you signed should have information about how your data and samples will be used.
- If your data has been anonymized (can't be linked back to you), it may be used to support other research studies.

You have the right to ask questions about your data.

- Can I choose to leave the study at any time?
- Will leaving the study be bad for me in any way?
- Will data still be collected from me or about me if I leave the study?
- What will happen to my data if I choose to leave the study?
- Will my data be returned to me if I leave the study?
- For how long will my data be kept?
- Will study results be shared with me?

