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*Our Mission is an extension of the healing ministry of Jesus.  
We are called to serve our community, our patients, their loved ones and our co-workers with respect, compassion and care.  
We respond to the health care needs of the community in a Christian spirit.  
We strive for excellence in all we do.*

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## What is Lourdes Research Department?

The Lourdes Research Department is part of the Lourdes Health Network. Located at Lourdes Counseling Center in Richland, it is a special service to support clinical studies for both adults and children.

## What is a clinical study?

A clinical study is a scientifically designed plan to diagnose, treat, prevent and develop new approaches and treatments for specific diseases.

Every study must be approved by the Lourdes Health Network Research Committee. This committee reviews each study to ensure that it is being carried out in a safe and effective manner and that the privacy of all participants is protected.

An external review board must also approve every study. The committee focuses on the scientific value and safety of the study.

## Why would I participate in a clinical study?

Research studies target different diseases or conditions. You might be interested in participating in a study because you suffer from that disease or condition and you would like to help advance knowledge that will lead to improved therapy.

It is important to be aware that research studies of new drugs, or treatments, even if successful, may bring no personal benefit to you, but may be of value to you in the future.



## Who can participate?

Healthy volunteers and people diagnosed with specific diseases can participate.

All participants are required to sign a written informed consent. This is a clear, concise explanation of the study that contains information study subjects should understand before agreeing to participate in the study.



## Staff experience

The physicians and staff associated with the study are all highly qualified, experienced professionals, specially trained to conduct and manage clinical research. All research staff have undergone training in Good Clinical Practices and Human Subject Protection Training.