# **For Participants**

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## About BioLinked

## What is BioLinked?

BioLinked is an innovative network, optimizing clinical research by partnering with trusted Blood Centers, giving researchers access to a robust database of diverse participants. When you join the BioLinked registry as a participant, you become a part of a community on a mission to find cures and save lives.

#### What is the goal of BioLinked?

BioLinked's goal is to connect extraordinary people like you with the nation's most promising research. More than 85% of clinical research studies do not meet their enrollment goals due to lack of participants causing delays and/or termination of the entire study. When you join the BioLinked Registry, you become a part of the research community that is bringing new hope to patients as soon as possible.

## Why should I join BioLinked?

Your participation in the BioLinked community propels clinical research that finds cures, paving the way for a healthier tomorrow.

## Why is ImpactLife partnering with BioLinked?

ImpactLife is an important part of your community. They recognize that there is great potential to make an impact in healthcare by connecting their extraordinary donors with lifesaving research.

#### Who can I contact if I have more questions about BioLinked?

If you have questions about BioLinked or the BioLinked Participant Portal, email <u>support@bio-linked.org</u> and a member of our team will respond to your inquiry as soon as possible.

## Becoming a Participant of BioLinked

#### How do I become a BioLinked Participant?

You can join directly through BioLinked.org or with your participating Blood Center. Enrollment is open to anyone who lives in the United States.



## How long will it take me to create a BioLinked Registry Profile?

It only takes five minutes on average to sign up for a BioLinked Registry profile. Once you have created a BioLinked Registry Profile, you are ready to fill out the questionnaire which goes into more depth about your social and health history. This part takes about 15 minutes on average to complete.

## What will be expected of me if I join the BioLinked Registry?

If you decide to join the BloLinked Registry, you may be contacted to be a part of Clinical Trial or Study.

## What type of studies will I be recruited for?

The type of studies that you will be recruited for are based on eligibility requirements. The eligibility requirements are determined by a research study's protocol. Some studies seek participants who have the illnesses or conditions being studied, others are looking for healthy people, and some are limited to a predetermined group of people.

## Will I ever be pressured to participate in research?

Absolutely not! If you match a researcher's need, a representative from ImpactLife will contact you. If you have any interest in participating, they will explain what is needed, and how that may affect you. The choice to move forward is completely up to you. Unless you agree, the researcher will never know your identity.

## Will I receive payment for participating in a clinical trial/study?

Possibly, but each clinical trial/study is different. Compensation can depend on the length of the trial, the treatment or procedures performed and is dependent on the amount budgeted for the clinical trial/study.

## What will be expected of me if I am accepted to a clinical trial/study?

Every clinical trial/study will be unique. Some studies are short and only require a single visit to your local blood center. Other studies may involve multiple visits over a period of time. Depending on the nature of the study, you may undergo a blood pressure or ECG test, be asked to provide blood or urine, or simply fill out a questionnaire on your health history.

For every study you participate in, you will be given an Informed Consent document to read. The Informed Consent Document provides an overview of the study, outlines your role in the study, and describes any potential risks.

How can I request a copy of all of the clinical trials/studies that I have participated in?

When you agree to participate in a clinical trial/study, you will receive a copy of the informed consent form (ICF) for that particular trial once you sign it. It will contain all of the clinical trial information. Contact ImpactLife's BioLinked representative for additional information about the trials/studies that you have participated in.



# Who can I contact if I have questions about the BioLinked Registry and specific clinical trials that I am eligible for?

You can contact ImpactLife for further questions on the BioLinked Registry and clinical trials/studies you are eligible for.

## Who will contact me when I am eligible to participate in a clinical trial/study?

A representative from ImpactLife will contact you if you are eligible or qualify to participate in a clinical trial/study.

## **BioLinked Participant Portal FAQ's**

## What is the BioLinked Participant Portal?

The BioLinked Participant Portal was created to give participants a single place to access their BioLinked profile, questionnaire and to communicate with their associated Blood Center.

## Why do I need to choose what Blood Center I am associated with?

This will help your Blood Center connect with you when there is a clinical trial or study that you are eligible to participate in.

## Do I have to answer every question on the Questionnaire?

No, there will be a "don't know" response to many of the questions, so please enter what information you do have. The more questions you answer, the more valuable information ImpactLife will gather to help find a clinical trial/study that will best suit you.

## Can I stop and come back to the Questionnaire at a later time?

Yes, your answers will be automatically saved in your profile.

## Can I edit my answers to the Questionnaire when my information changes?

Yes, you can update any of the questions that you have answered in the registry and questionnaire.

## How long will it take me to complete the Questionnaire?

It only takes about 15 minutes on average to complete all of the questions listed in the Questionnaire.

## What happens to my information and who can access it?

Your information is stored in a private, secure database used to locate people with specific medical, family and social backgrounds that match-up with research opportunities. Only a few restricted staff from ImpactLife will have access to your information. We will never sell your information to third parties without your consent. Ever.



## What do I do if I forget my password?

Find a link to the Participant Portal Password Reset on the portal login page. If you need further assistance, please email support@bio-linked.org.

# Where can I find the BioLinked Privacy Policy?

Find the BioLinked Privacy Policy here.

