



RESEARCH

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We would like to thank everyone for the continued support of the TN-CTSI. With your help and input, we submitted the grant application to the published funding opportunity, Clinical and Translational Science Award PAR 21-293 and PAR 21-366. We eagerly await the feedback from the study section which will meet in late January for a possible funding date of April 2024. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) and National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) fund the CTSA program. It is our hope that this opportunity will strengthen our ability to accelerate clinical and translational research while reducing and working towards eliminating health disparities across the state of Tennessee.

CHECK OUT THE TIN TOOLBOX TO IMPROVE YOUR RESEARCH



The National Institute of Health’s Trial Innovation Network (TIN) offers a toolbox full of resources to improve

your research process. The toolbox is free and open to anyone conducting engagement, recruitment, and retention activities for clinical trials and multi-site studies. These resources are submitted by CTSA’s and reputable community health partners and reviewed by an internal review committee for content screening and light-touch editing before becoming accessible to the broader network. Access the [TIN toolbox](#) today.

THE TN-CTSI ESTABLISHES TWO NEW ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The TN-CTSI has established two new advisory committees, an Internal Advisory Committee and an External Advisory Committee, to help us achieve our goal of addressing health and healthcare disparities across the state of Tennessee. Through our newsletter, we will highlight a few of these members.

INTERNAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER



Stephen Alway, PhD, MSc, BSc

Dr. Alway is the Dean of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) College of Health Professions with appointments as a tenured Full Professor in the Department of Physical Therapy, College of Health Professions and the Department of Physiology at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. He is also the Director of the Center for Muscle, Metabolism & Nerve in the Division of Regenerative and Rehabilitation Sciences, in the College of Health Professions. Dr. Alway will serve as Chair of the IAC.

EXTERNAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER



Jacy Warrell, MPA

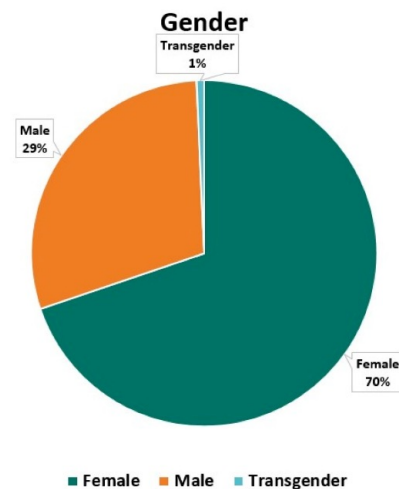
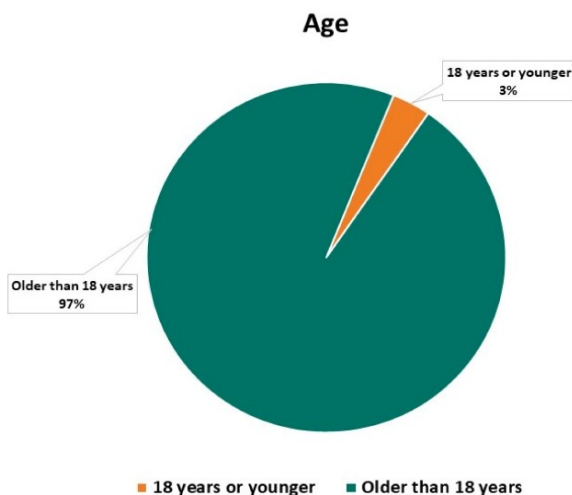
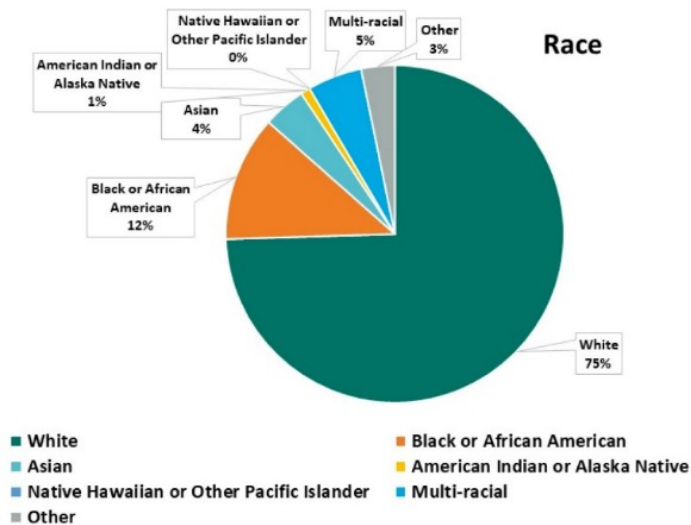
Jacy is the Chief Executive Officer of the Rural Health Association of Tennessee. The Rural Health Association of Tennessee is a 501(c)3 non-profit established to lead the way for a healthy tomorrow throughout rural Tennessee via partnerships, education, advocacy and resources. In her role, Jacy advocates for members who include rural hospitals and clinics, school health directors, and others who live and work in rural Tennessee. Her goal is to bring groups together to deliver services that improve health locally, promote peer-to-peer learning and resource sharing, and to elevate rural voices at the Tennessee legislature as well as nationally.

SIGN UP FOR RESEARCHMATCH!

ResearchMatch.org is a free, online recruitment and education platform for researchers and potential research participants. This program aims to securely match people interested in participating in research with researchers throughout the United States. It is not just one institution, one partner, or one study, but many people across the nation working together to make a change today and in the future.

Please visit [ResearchMatch-For Researchers](#) to register as a UTHSC researcher, to register a study, or to add yourself to an existing study. To register as a volunteer, please visit [Participate in a Study](#).

ResearchMatch now supports 144,745 volunteers with the following demographics:



NEW RESEARCHMATCH FLAGGING FEATURE

ResearchMatch now allows researchers to indicate invalid volunteer accounts. If researchers discover a volunteer provided false information in their ResearchMatch account, they can “flag” them and ResearchMatch will review further. This will help to ensure ResearchMatch maintains a

legitimate, reliable, and accurate database of research volunteers.

Please note this is not meant to report a non-compliant volunteer or to share study-specific information with ResearchMatch.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The TN-CTSI and the Mid-South SOCRA Chapter invite you to an educational webinar, “Electronic Consent: Will This Work for Us?” on June 20, 2023. This webinar will discuss: advantages and disadvantages of eConsent, assessing feasibility of eConsent at your site, and IRB processes for obtaining approval to utilize eConsent. The speakers will be Margaret Knack, RN, BSN, MS, CCRP, Campbell Clinic Foundation Research Manager and Carol Hendrix, MSN, RN, CCRC, Research Nurse Manager Biorepository and Integrative Genomics Initiative at UTHSC. [Register here](#), and contact [Margaret Lynn](#) (901.448.1202) for more information.

POPULATION HEALTH & TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE CONTINUES

Join the Tennessee Population Health Consortium research conferences, held via Zoom or in person in Room 208 of the Crowe Building. These conferences are in partnership with the TN-CTSI, the UTHSC College of Nursing Department of Community and Population Health, and the UTHSC College of Medicine Department of Preventive Medicine. To stay up to date with upcoming conferences and topics, and to access recordings of the presentations, email the [Tennessee Population Health Consortium](#) or follow [@TNPopHealth](#) and [@TN_CTSI](#) on Twitter.

CHECKOUT OUR RESEARCH METHODS SERIES FOR CLINICAL INVESTIGATORS!

[Research Methods for Clinical Investigators](#) is a monthly educational series concentrating on epidemiological and biostatistical research methods. Presentations are intended to assist and support clinical researchers in the area of study design and the interpretation of findings, and to provide researchers with the skills and knowledge to conduct high quality research. This newly implemented lecture/discussion series is an opportunity for clinical investigators to discuss study design, epidemiological methods, data analysis techniques, data integrity, and understanding of research findings.

Be on the lookout for new sessions or review past sessions on [the event webpage](#).

SERVICES & RESOURCES

Need help recruiting participants for your study?

The TN-CTSI can help guide you towards your ideal participant! We offer guidance and helpful tools through our Research Innovation Center that can help you meet your goals. Simply fill out an [Assistance Request form](#).

Request for Assistance Testimonial

"I was looking for recruitment help but was not sure where to look. I came across TN-CTSI and found out they offer recruitment help for Research studies. I filled out information on the form on their page which was easy. I got a quick response back from them and was scheduled for a meeting Instantly. Consulting TN-CTSI truly catalyzed my recruitment strategies for rare disease research and pointed me towards specific information sources, rather than looking all over the place. It truly helped me work smart and not hard."

- Avnisha Patel BPT, MLT

Having trouble organizing the necessary materials for your study?

Essential documents are required for research studies and must be maintained in a manner that leads to successful study management. TN-CTSI can provide guidance on the most efficient means to set-up study related documents.

We also offer additional services and resources including:

- Research Opportunities and Connections
- Biostatistics, Epidemiology, and Research Design (BERD) Assistance
- Training and Educational Seminars

For help, request for assistance through our [website](#).

Become a Member of Tennessee Clinical and Translational Science Institute (TN-CTSI)

By being engaged and becoming a member, the TN-CTSI can provide guidance toward specific resources that may be vital to the completion of a research project. As a member you will also receive information about the latest research news, training, and funding opportunities available to you through the TN-CTSI.

Please visit our [website](#) to learn more about becoming a member.

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