



RAMS Registry Contributing Study Registration

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The mission of the RAMS Registry is to promote the health of all women, men and children by supporting research related to microbiome science, the study of the communities of microbes that live in, on and with us. The RAMS Registry fosters collaboration among researchers and sharing of data among studies to accelerate knowledge and advance health. Although the RAMS Registry focuses on research related to microbiome science, we also support other studies that seek to promote human health more generally. We strive to serve as a model for the protection and privacy of participants, and our goal is to establish lasting relationships with RAMS Registry members as partners in research.

In addition to serving as a registry with contact information for prospective studies, the RAMS Registry also houses the RAMS Repository for maintaining the integrity of data and specimens. The RAMS Repository has two arms: the RAMS Data Repository and the RAMS Biorepository. The RAMS Registry will maintain both coded de-identified data and samples and data where there is a link to identifiable information and contact information is maintained for future contact and research.

The responsibility for the integrity of the registry and the establishment of protocols for registry access lies with the RAMS Registry Executive Committee. The Executive Committee includes four voting members Gregory A. Buck, Ph.D. (PI), Jennifer M. Fettweis, Ph.D., Kimberly K. Jefferson, Ph.D., and Karen Hendricks-Munoz, M.D., M.P.H. The Executive Committee encourages investigators with shared research interests to discuss the possibility of writing or modifying existing IRB protocols to permit individuals that enroll in other studies to be consented to become part of the RAMS Registry. IRB-approved studies may provide contact information, samples and/or data to the RAMS Registry; they may also be granted access to RAMS Registry resources. One of the goals of the MOMS-PI is to create a community resource, thus reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate requests relating to that proposal.

The Executive Committee considers the following factors, among others, when evaluating proposed contributing studies:

- Will the contributing study's consent provisions accommodate the goals of the RAMS Registry?
- How will the proposed contributions affect the RAMS Repository's storage needs, both digital and physical?
- What identifiable information is being contributed?
- What is the status of funding for the proposed contributing study?
- Do the aims of the proposed contributing study compete with or duplicate the aims of existing RAMS Registry studies?
- How does the proposed study add value and contribute to the goals of the RAMS Registry?



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INVESTIGATOR INFORMATION

PI Name	
Institution	
Department	
Email	
Phone	
Address	

Are you a prior RAMS Registry contributor? Yes No

Do you plan to request access to data or specimens from the registry in the future? Yes No

If yes, will you be requesting re-access to only your contributions, or contributions from other studies as well? Only my own My own and other studies Only other studies

PROJECT INFORMATION

Title	
Reviewing IRB Panel	
IRB Protocol #	
Funding	
Grant #	
Duration	

How do you plan to consent participants for the RAMS Registry?

- Incorporate RAMS Registry consent into project consent
- Use stand-alone RAMS Registry consent form

PLANNED CONTRIBUTIONS

Population Size	
Specimen Types	
Specimen Volume	
Datasets / Fields	
Contact Information	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Please attach a detailed description of your study and its objectives, a list of defined consent groups, and all associated consent documents.