

## RESEARCH RESOURCE: [www.ciscrp.org](http://www.ciscrp.org)

The Center for Information and Study on Clinical Research Participation (CISCRP):

- Educates and informs the public about the role of volunteers in clinical research.
- Is a resource for the public, patients, medical/research communities, the media, and policy makers.
- Provides guidance for potential volunteers to make informed decisions about participation.
- Creates awareness about the role that clinical research and its volunteers play in advancing medical care.
- Maintains a website with numerous links to government and non-profit organizations with information about ongoing clinical trials.

**NEW FROM CISCRP:** [www.searchclinicaltrials.org](http://www.searchclinicaltrials.org)

Created especially for patients, family members, health care professionals and members of the public, this user-friendly search engine allows you to search multiple websites for clinical research volunteers, clinical study results and medical news.



## Doctors & Clinical Research: Why They Do It

Doctors who lead clinical research studies are known as the principal investigator or PI. Every study requires a PI, who has overall responsibility for how the research is conducted.

Doctors describe several reasons for getting involved in clinical research. Many say they want to offer their patients more options for care. Often they want to contribute to the medical knowledge about a particular disease or gain new knowledge.

They also participate because they want to gain experience with a new drug or medical device. The opportunity to earn extra income also draws some doctors to clinical research.

