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Be The Cure

Be The Cure (bethecure.ca) is a website to allow Albertans to learn about health research studies that are actively recruiting human participants. The website allows the general public to browse and search currently recruiting studies through a user-friendly interface.

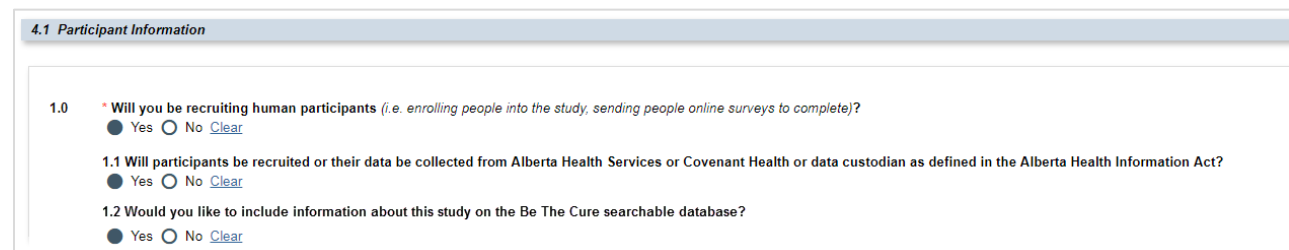**Why should I list my study on Be The Cure?**

In the last year, nearly 25,000 users visited the website for more than 82,000 page views (October 2017–September 2018). This is an opportunity to promote your study on a new platform to people who are interested in participating in health research.

How do I list my study?

CRITERIA:
In order to post a study on Be The Cure:
- Applications must be approved by the HREB (Health Panel or Biomedical Panel)
- The online application form must have the Be The Cure specific pages completed.

1. To have your study listed on Be The Cure, click "Yes" on question 4.1 (1.2) – "Would you like to include information about this study on the Be The Cure searchable database?"

2. Complete the specific Be The Cure page (Section 4.8):

Important! Keep in mind that the people reading about your study are members of the general public, not other researchers. When you tell them about your study, they should be able to understand what the study is about, why you are researching it, and who is eligible to participate.

- **Keep your writing simple** by using short sentences, avoiding jargon, and giving examples to explain complex ideas.
- **Build a story** that explains what your study is about and how it may impact the condition you are studying.
- **Test your content** with members of the public or online readability tools.

For more information about writing study descriptions for the public, visit: https://bit.ly/2PM7zJT

4.8 Be The Cure Questions

1.0 * **What is the lay title of your study?**

2.0 * **In lay language, describe the summary/purpose of your study (750 characters or less).**

3.0 **What are the eligible ages of participants?**

* Lower Age Limit:

* Upper Age Limit:

4.0 * **What is the eligible sex of participants?**
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Intersex
- ☐ Any

5.0 * **In lay language, outline the inclusion criteria.**

6.0 * **In lay language, outline the exclusion criteria.**

7.0 * **Does this study accept healthy participants?**
○ Yes ○ No Clear

8.0 * **What will be the recruitment status of this study once ethics approval is obtained?**

9.0 **If there are external links that participants can access for this study, please provide:**

+ Add

Site Name	Link
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10.0 * **Add keywords (in lay language, seperated by comma) associated with this study.**

11.0 **Who can potential study participants contact for more information about the study?**

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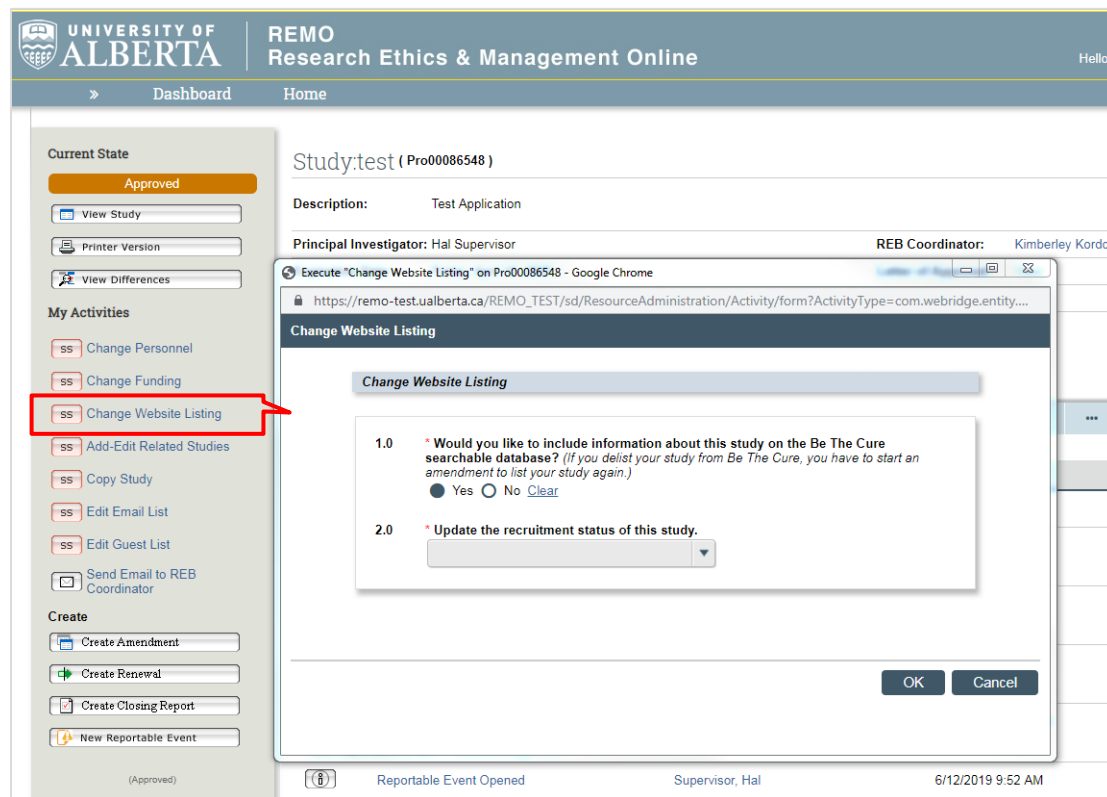| Name	Title	Phone	Email
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How data is transferred to the Be the Cure website?

For New Ethics Applications:

- Complete online application – select YES to 4.1 (1.2) and fill out the corresponding branching page (Section 4.8).
- Once the study is approved by the HREB, data is transferred to the Be the Cure website the next day.
- The recruitment status can be changed, or the study can be taken down from Be The Cure website through the "Change Website Listing" button found under My Activities.

For Approved Ethics Applications:

- To have your study listed on the Be The Cure website after it has already been approved, you must create an Amendment.
- In the "Modified Study" select YES to 4.1 (1.2) and fill out the corresponding branching page (Section 4.8).
- Once the Amendment submission has been approved by the HREB, data is transferred to the Be the Cure website the next day.
- The recruitment status can be changed, or the study can be taken down from the Be The Cure website through the "Change Website Listing" button found under My Activities.

Important! Data is transferred to the external website as you entered it in the smart form. Ethics review of your initial submission does not include grammar or spelling corrections. Such corrections would need to be made by creating an Amendment to revise Section 4.8.