

STAR Human Subject Volunteer Registry

STAR (Seniors Together in Aging Research) is a registry of research volunteers age 50 and older, living predominantly within a two-hour drive of the University of Iowa. STAR is maintained by the University of Iowa Center On Aging, which established the registry to facilitate the inclusion of older adults in human subject research. The registry is confidential and secure, with database access restricted to IRB-approved staff at the Center On Aging. The recruitment effort for STAR is continuous, as is the annual updating of individual records. Over 1100 people are registered as of March 2009. The database includes searchable fields with a spectrum of self-reported medical, behavioral, and demographic information designed to identify volunteers who are potentially qualified for specific study requirements. Investigators may order queries from the STAR registry on a fee-for-service basis, and STAR has been designated a University of Iowa Recharge Center for this purpose. Query requests are expeditiously reviewed by a panel of three University of Iowa clinical faculty. In order to maintain confidentiality, STAR makes the initial contact with all potential volunteers. Additional information is available on the STAR page of the Center On Aging website, <http://www.centeronaging.uiowa.edu/star.shtml>. The registry is directed by Dr. Robert Wallace and managed by Center On Aging staff.