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A Statistician's Guide to REDCap

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- 1. Every Northwestern investigator is provided a **FREE** initial consultation of 1-2 hours, subsidized by **FSM Office for Research**. Thereafter:
 - a) Grants
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 - c) Subscriptions/partnerships
- 2. Most grant writing (e.g. developing analysis plans, power/sample size calculations) is also supported by FSM at **no cost to the investigator**, with the goal of establishing successful collaborations.

What We Do

- Many areas of expertise, including:
 - Bayesian Methods
 - Big Data
 - Bioinformatics
 - Causal Inference
 - Clinical Trials
 - Database Design
 - Genomics
 - Longitudinal Data
 - Missing Data
 - Reproducibility
 - Survival Analysis

Many types of software, including:













Shared Statistical Resources







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Biostatistics Collaboration Center (BCC)

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 1-2 hour consultation subsidized
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- Grant

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- Supports Lurie Children's Hospital affiliates
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Note

• Many of the slides to follow come from or were adapted from a similar talk last year by Jody D. Ciolino, PhD as part of this series and from her Clinical Database Management (EB565) course.



- Research Electronic Data Capture
- Used for building and managing surveys and study databases efficiently, accurately, securely, and on a fixed budget
 - This includes protected health information (PHI)
- Developed at Vanderbilt University in 2004
- Over 3200 institutions in over 120 countries



Redcap > Excel







- FREE
- Secure
- Easy to learn
- Easily accessible, becoming more universal
- Flexibility that allow for efficienct and accurate data collection

Goals for today

1. Brief introduction and overview of REDCap

- Purpose = ensure high-quality, analyzable data
- Must be able to answer research question via statistical analyses

2. Illustrate advanced features for making the most out of REDCap

Explain how these features will help save time and effort during and after the study

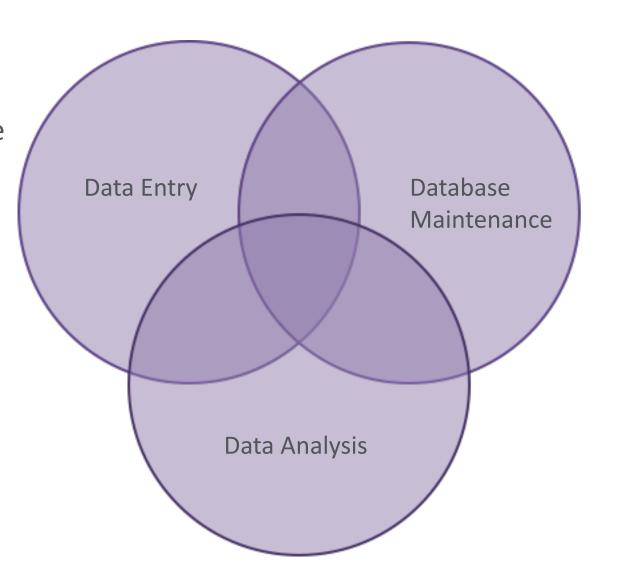
3. Discuss limitations

- REDCap = easy to use, but also easy to abuse
- REDCap certainly cannot solve all problems

Something to keep in Mind

Who's involved

- Those that will enter the data
- Those that will **build/maintain** the database
- Those that will analyze the data
- Depending on study, these three roles may involve:
 - One person, taking on all responsibility
 - Many individuals, with specialized roles in each domain





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Getting started

REDCap at Northwestern

- Online session for New Project Owners (email for access)
 - redcap@northwestern.edu
- Log on to REDCap (must be on campus network for VPN)
 - https://redcap.nubic.northwestern.edu/redcap/
- REDCap Intro Session & Office Hours
 - https://nucats.northwestern.edu/
- All users must complete: REDCap User Agreement
 - https://redcap.nubic.northwestern.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=WK39RMR44F

Some Basic Terminology

- Development mode
 Production mode
- Development
 - Design the database/data collection tools
 - Customize
 - Test!!!!
- Production
 - Live data capture
 - Post-production modifications *must* be made with caution

Login Page



Log In



Please visit the REDCap Q&A section at the bottom of the landing page upon logging in for further ACCESS ISSUES.

* Project Owners MUST administer permissions for users to their project. REDCap Support does NOT administer access to projects.* <u>All project access begins with the Project Owner.</u>

Please log in with your user name and password. If you are having trouble logging in, please contact NU REDCap Support.



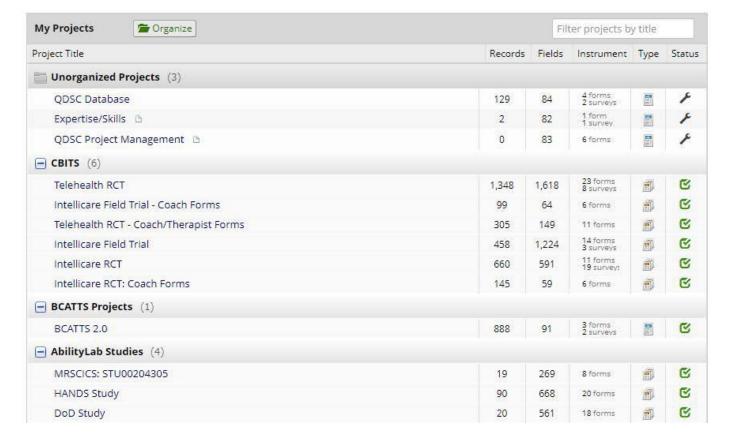
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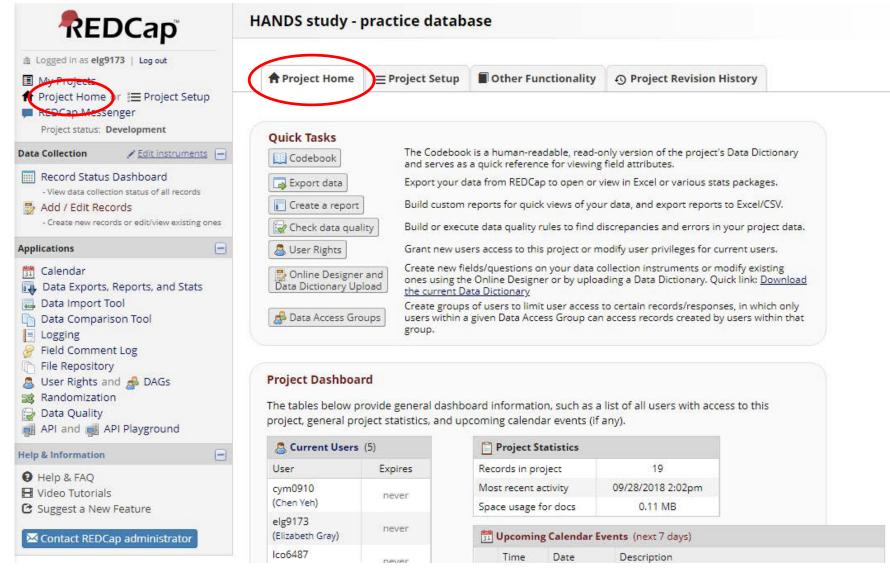
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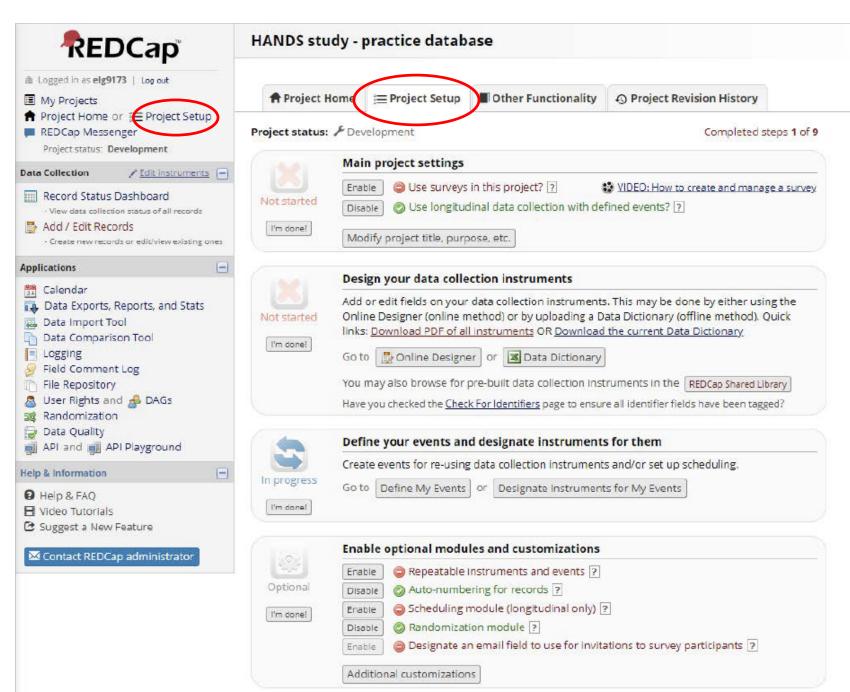
Listed below are the REDCap projects to which you currently have access. Click the project title to open the project. Read more To review which users still have access to your projects, visit the <u>User Access Dashboard</u>.



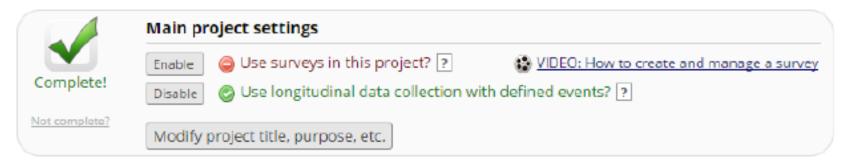
Project Home



Project Setup



Project Setup: Main project settings

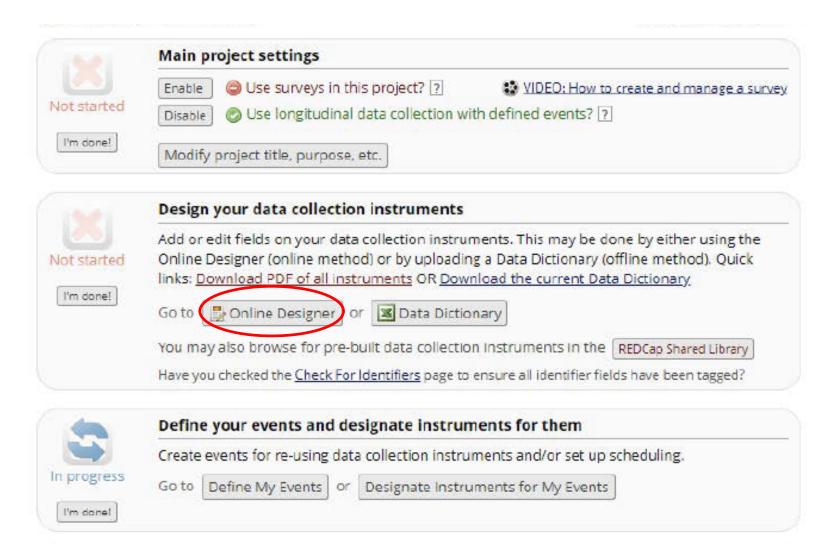


- Use surveys: REDCap distinguishes between data entry forms (Case Report Forms [CRFs]) and surveys
 - 'Regular' CRFs
 - Data entry must occur by a study team member (authorized REDCap user)
 - NOT participant facing
 - Surveys
 - Can be participant facing (do not need to access REDCap database)
 - Can also be completed by a study team member directly in REDCap
- Use Longitudinal Data: Fill out the same forms multiple times, most clinical trials

Project Setup: Designing Data Collection Tools

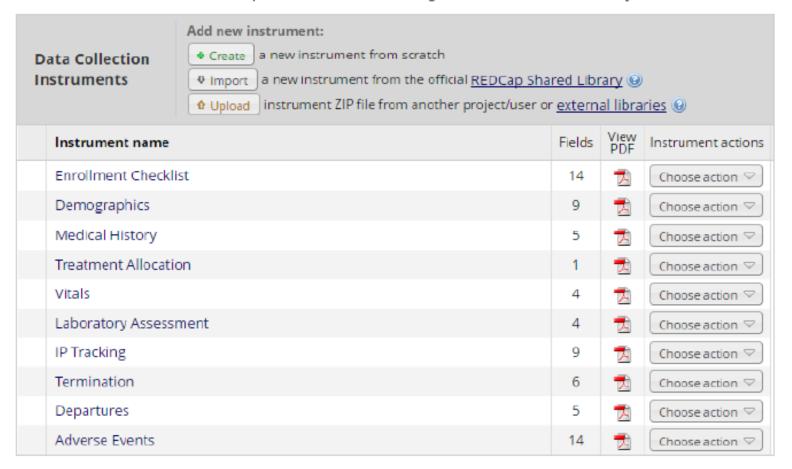
- Designing and refining data collection tools will inevitably take the most time
- Two options in developing data collection tools (case report forms [CRFs])
 - Online designer
 - Data dictionary

Project Setup: Online Designer

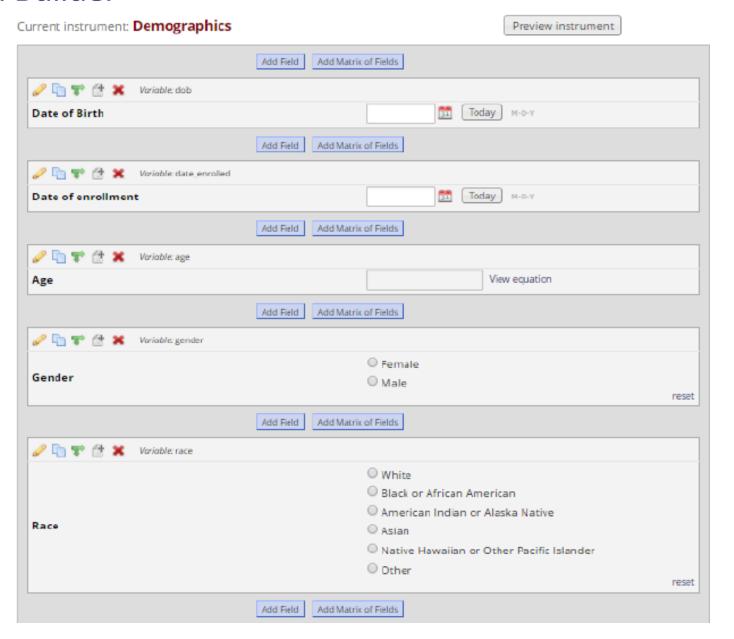


Data Collection Instruments

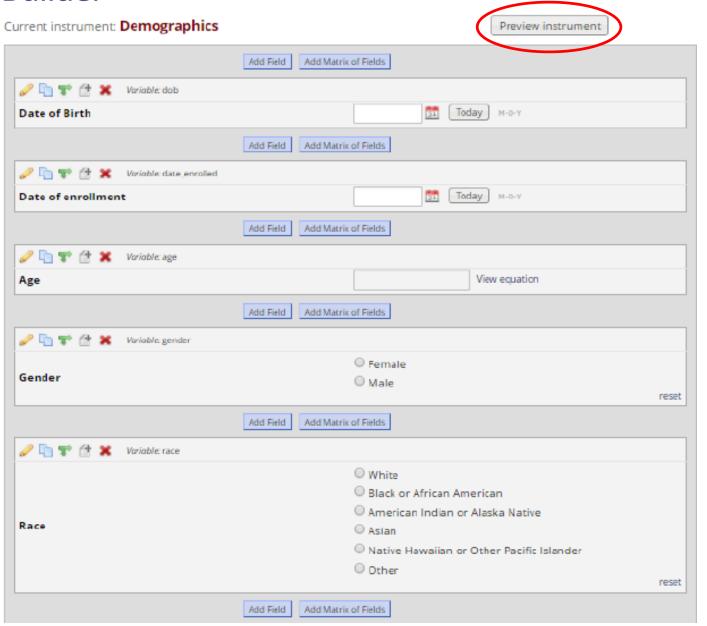
The Online Designer will allow you to make project modifications to fields and data collection instruments very easily using only your web browser. NOTE: While in development status, all field changes will take effect immediately in real time.



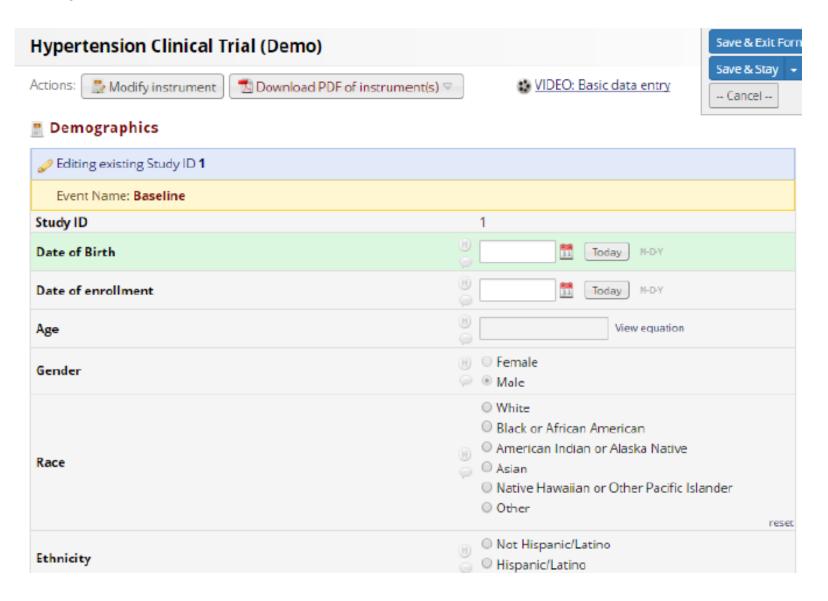
Web-based Form Builder



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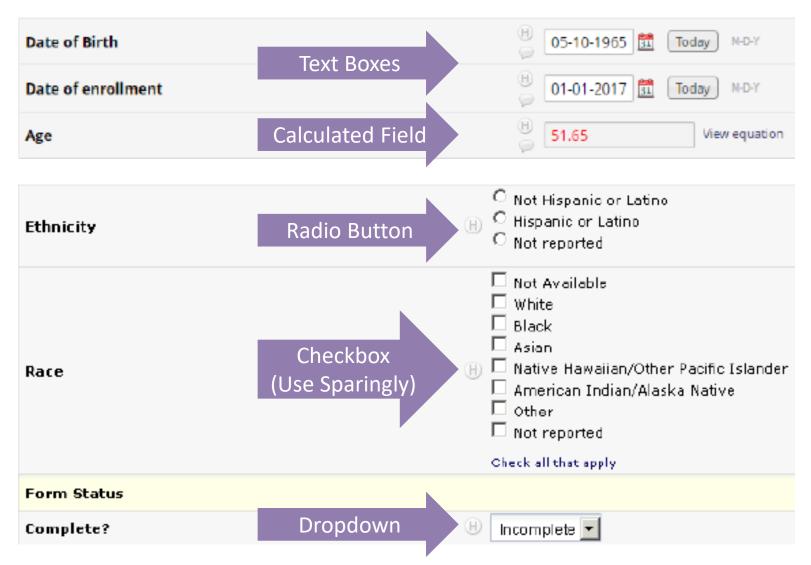
Example Case Report Form



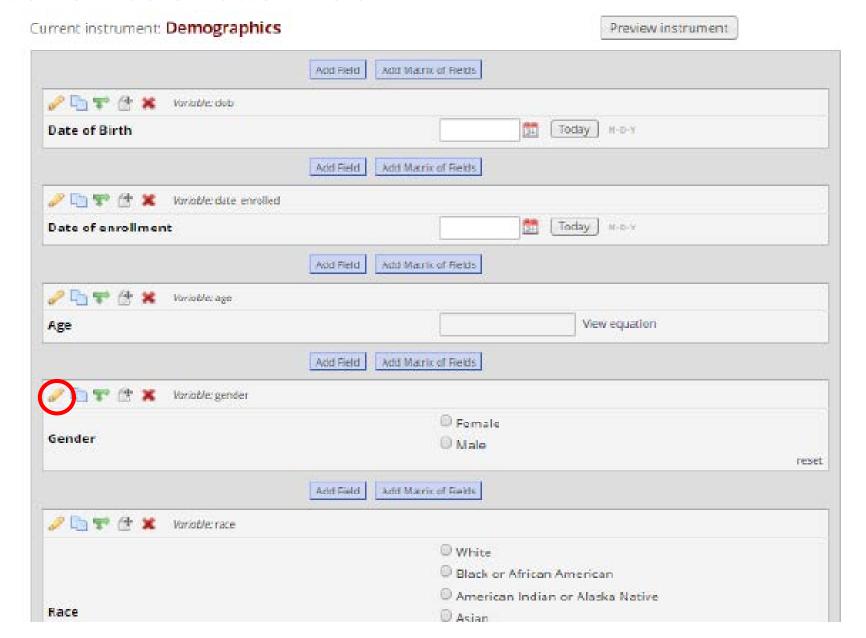
Common Field Types

- Text single-line text box (text and numbers, with validation options)
- Dropdown dropdown menu with multiple choice options
- Radio radio button with multiple choice options
- Calculated perform real-time calculations (e.g., age)
 - Works on numeric and multiple choice fields, but can only return a numerical value
- Notes larger text box
- Checkbox allow selection of > 1 option
- File upload a document
- Descriptive text displayed with no data entry and optional image/file attachment
- Slider visual analog scale (0 100)

Field Types: Examples

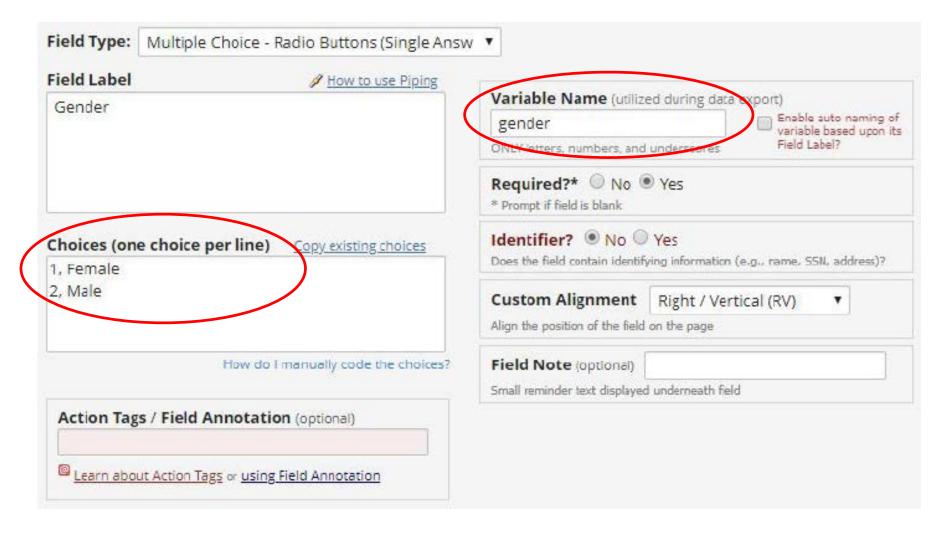


Manual Creation of Radio Button Field



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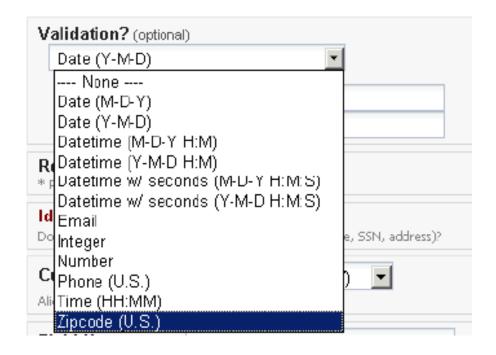


Textbox Validation

Statistically Speaking: Preventing Data Entry Errors

Hard Validation

 Error message displayed if entry does not match expected format and entry not saved

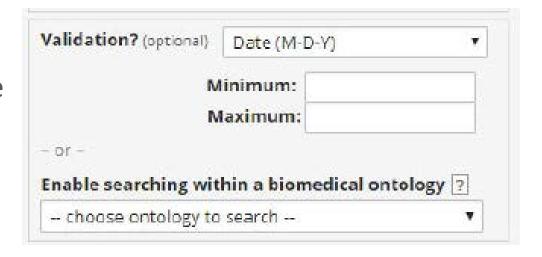




Textbox Validation

Statistically Speaking: Preventing Data Entry Errors

- Soft Validation Minimum & Maximum Values
 - Can enter for date, integer, number, and time options
 - Will alert data enterer if entry is outside of range, but will still save entry





Statistically Speaking...

- Validation feature is invaluable in ensuring high-quality data for analyses
- Prevents many headaches later...
- Example:

Excel

1	Α	В
1	pat_id	bp
2	1001	124/76
3	1002	132/90
4	1003	140/85
5	1004	nd
6	1005	not done
7		
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REDCap

Save button		tion instrument by completing the fields below and clicking the eld, it will be added to the form on this page. For an overview of e 🍪 Field Types video (4 min).
Field Type:	Text Box (Short Text, Number, Date/T	îme,) ▼
Field Label	/ How to use Pipi	ing
Blood Pressure (Systolic):		Variable Name (utilized during data export) vmi_bps ONLY letters, numbers, and underscore. Field Label?
		Validation? (optional) Integer ▼
Action Tag	s / Field Annotation (optional)	Minimum: 50

Blood	Pressure	(Systol	ic):
* must	provide value		

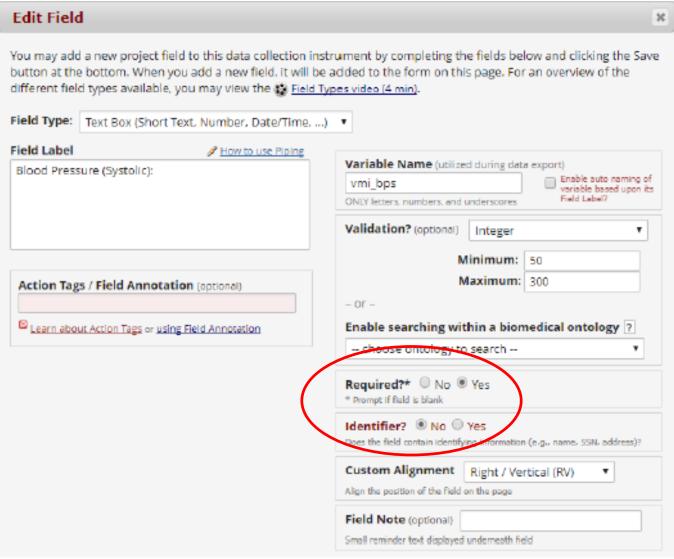
VS.

Blood Pressure (Diastolic):

* must provide value

Required and Identifier Fields

- Required Will alert data enterer if 'required' field is left blank, but will allow you to opt to leave blank
- Identifier Tags variables with PHI for removal option during export



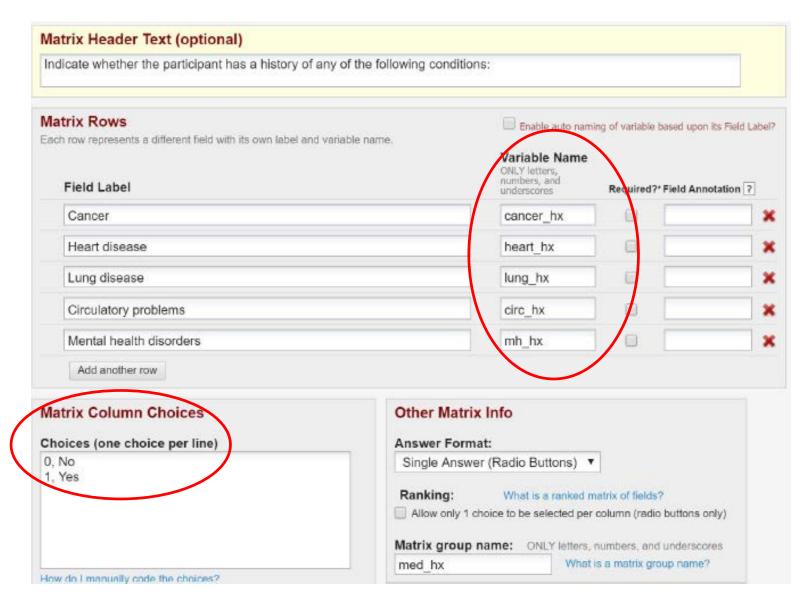
Matrix of Fields

- Ideal for grouping of questions that share same response options (i.e., Likert scale questions)
- 'Answer Format' can be specified as radio buttons or checkboxes
- May use 'ranking' to allow only one selection per column across all fields in the matrix (radio buttons only)

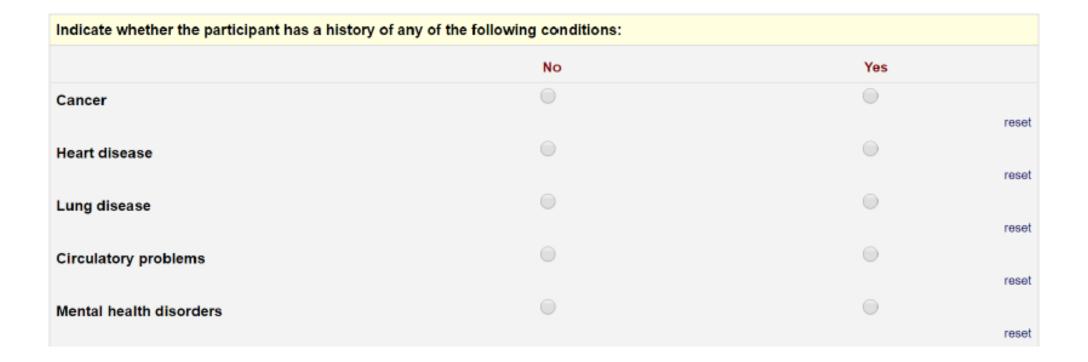


Matrix of Fields: Setup

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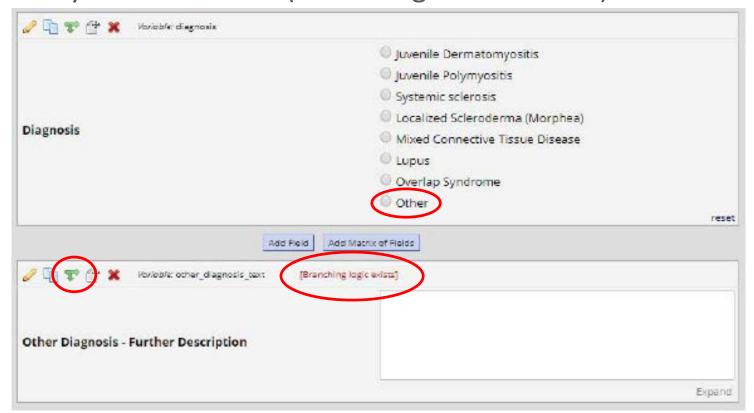
Matrix of Fields: Example



Why use a Binary Matrix of Fields instead of a Checkbox?

- Forced to answer each question, instead of answering "no" by omission
- Specify variable names
 - Checkboxes: automatically generated variable names
 - condition____1, condition____2, condition____3, etc.
 - Matrix of fields
 - condition_cancer, condition_heart_dis, condition_lung_dis, etc.

- Information from other fields determines if a particular field will be displayed (e.g., if someone selects 'other' as an option, ask for more information)
 - Statistically speaking... this is yet another invaluable data quality tool that will make data cleaning prior to analyses much easier (something Excel can't do)

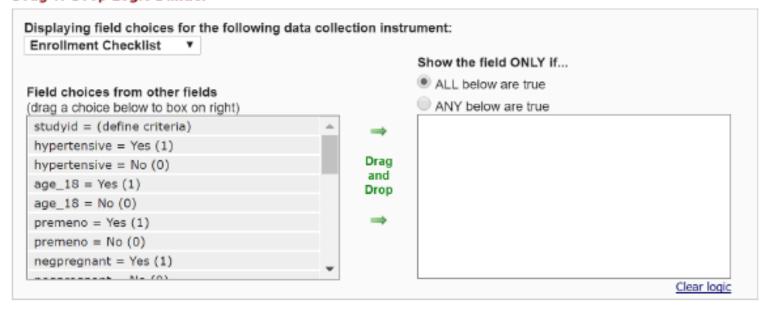


Choose method below for the following field: enroll - Enrollment Status:

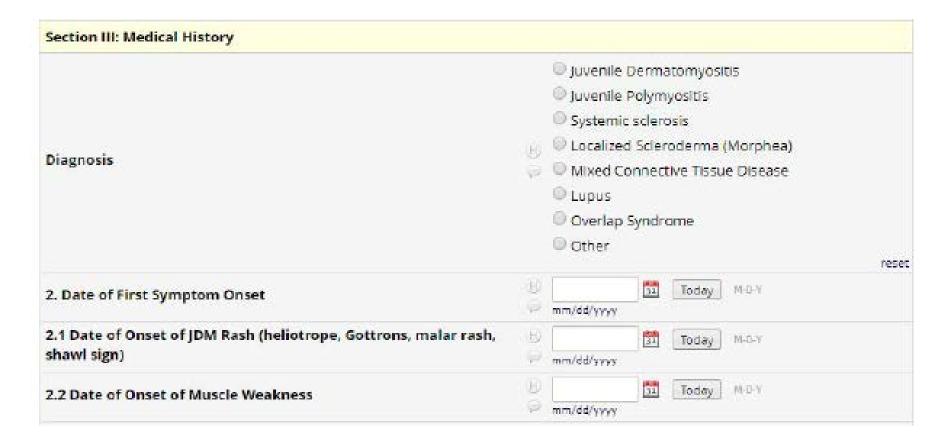
Advanced Branching Logic Syntax	(How do I use the advanced syntax?)	
Show the field ONLY if		

Drag-N-Drop Logic Builder

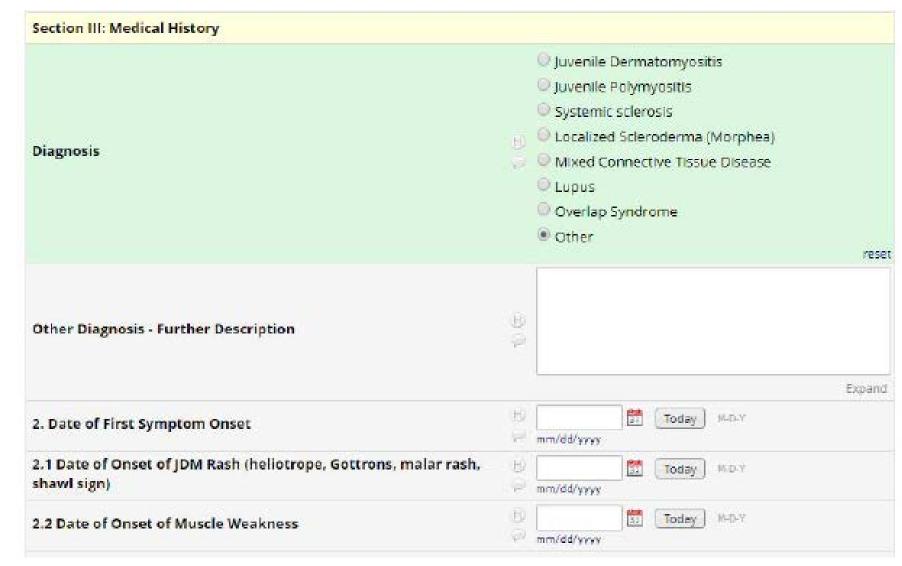
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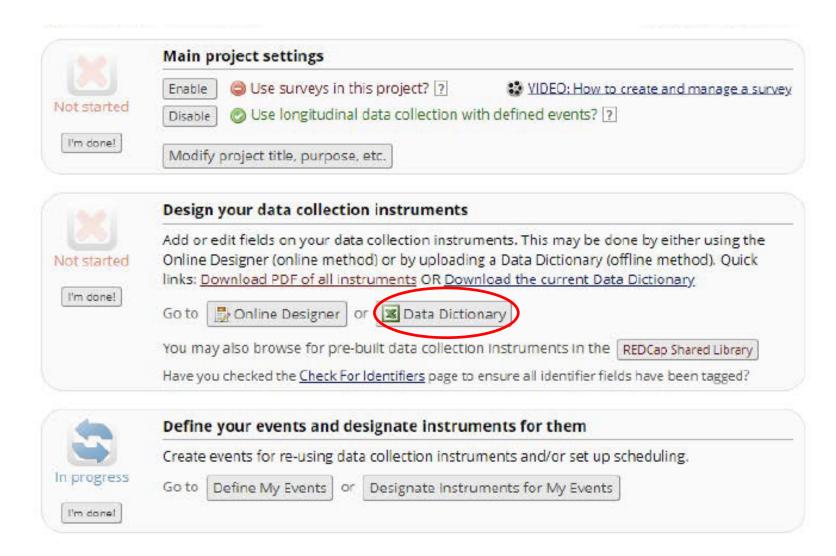
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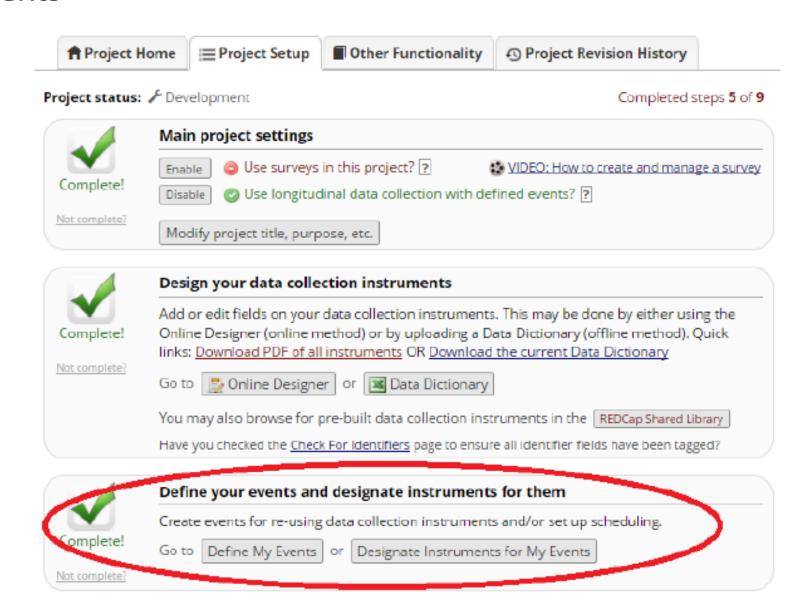
Project Setup: Data Dictionary



Offline Form Building via Data Dictionary

1	Variable / Field Name	Form Name	Section Header	Field Type	Field Label
2	record_id	phone_prescreening		text	Subject ID
3	d_prescreen	phone_prescreening		text	Date Pre-screening Phone Call
4	first_name	phone_prescreening		text	First Name
5	last_name	phone_prescreening		text	Last Name
6	d_dob	phone_prescreening		text	Date Of Birth
7	email	phone_prescreening	<center>Contact Information</center>	text	Email
8	telephone	phone_prescreening		text	Telephone
9	address	phone_prescreening		text	Address
10	city	phone_prescreening		text	City
11	state	phone_prescreening		dropdown	State
12	zip_code	phone_prescreening		text	Zip Code
13	age	phone_prescreening	<center>Demographics</center>	calc	Age at Screening
14	age_descript	phone_prescreening		descriptive	<center>DO NOT PROCEED</center>
15	gender	phone_prescreening		radio	Gender
16	race	phone_prescreening		radio	Race
17	race_other	phone_prescreening		text	Race - Other
18	ethnicity	phone_prescreening		radio	Ethnicity
19	prescreen_pass	phone_prescreening	<center>Pre-screening Outcome</center>	yesno	Did the patient satisfy all pre-screening eligibility criteria?
20	prescreen_future	phone_prescreening		yesno	Could the patient be eligible in the future?
21	prescreen_fail_now	phone_prescreening		checkbox	Why did the patient fail the pre-screen for now?
22	prescreen_fail_perm	phone_prescreening		checkbox	Why did the patient fail the pre-screen?
23	prescreen_fail_other	phone_prescreening		text	If other, BRIEFLY describe:
24	d_screened	general_screening		text	Date Screening Visit
25	consent_signed	general_screening		yesno	Informed consent signed?

'Arms' and Events

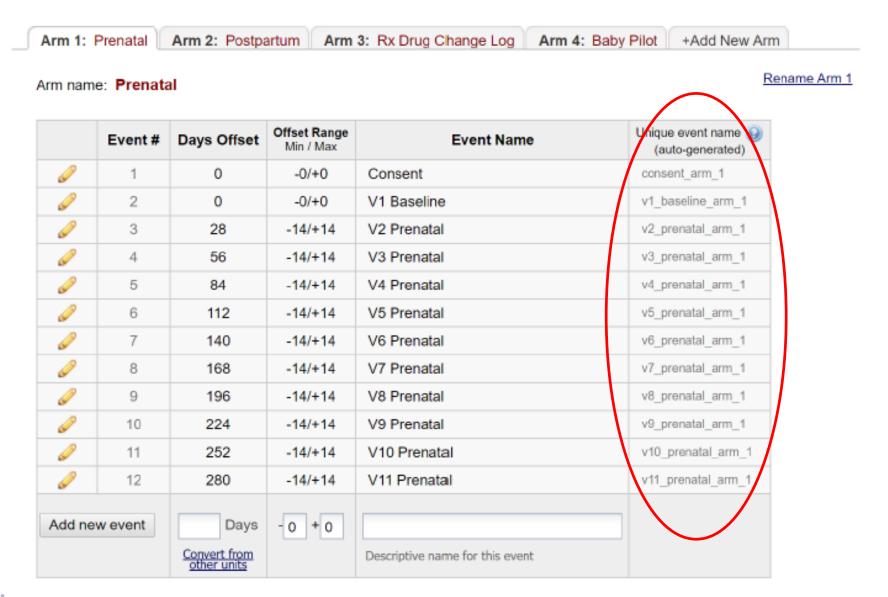


'Arms' and Events

• Events = groupings of (repeated) forms at specific study time points

• **Arms** = groupings of events (schedule for participants may vary according to study arm or study progress)

'Arms' and Events



Designate Instruments for Events

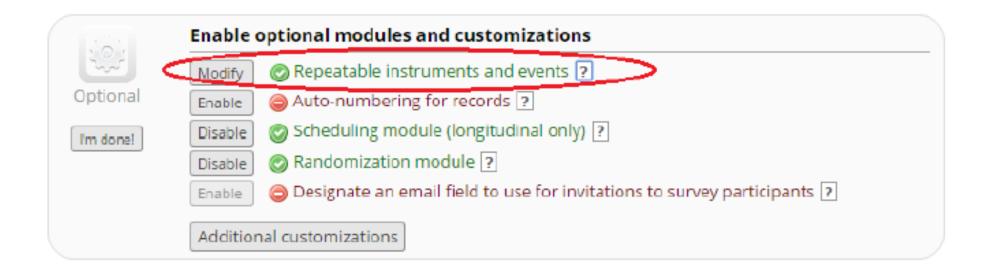
Arm name: Prenatal

Begin Editing Save

Data Collection Instrument	Consent	V1 Baseline	V2 Prenatal	V3 Prenatal (4)	V4 Prenatal (5)	V5 Prenatal	V6 Prenatal (7)	V7 Prenatal	V8 Prenatal	V9 Prenatal (10)	V10 Prenatal (11)	V11 Prenata (12)
Screen Consent Eligibility	4											
Consent Change		4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Participant Status	4											
Visit Compliance		4										
SSRI Dose Trajectory	4											
Concomitant Medications	4											
Diagnosis Trajectory	4											
Concentration		4	4	~	4	4	1	1	4	4	4	V
Blood Draw		4	4	4	4	4	1	4	4	4	4	4
Vitals		4	4	4	4	4	1	4	1	4	~	4
Visit Medical Information		4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1
Alcohol Cigarette And Other Drug Use		4	4	4	1	4	1	4	4	4	1	4
Abbreviated Asberg Side Effect (ASE)		4	4	4	1	4	4	4	4	4		4
Rx Drug Change Intake												

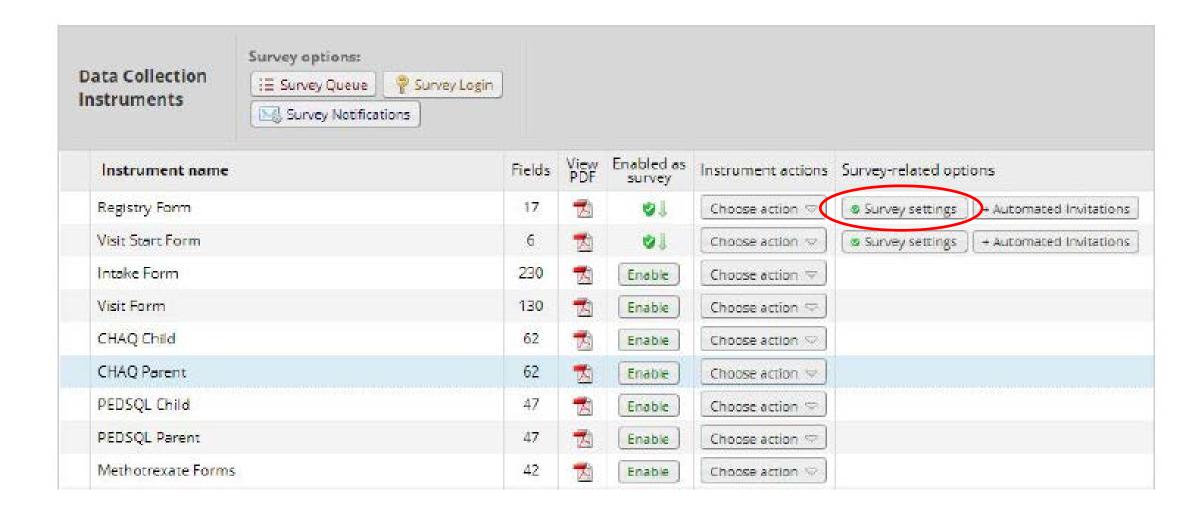
Repeatable Instruments and Events

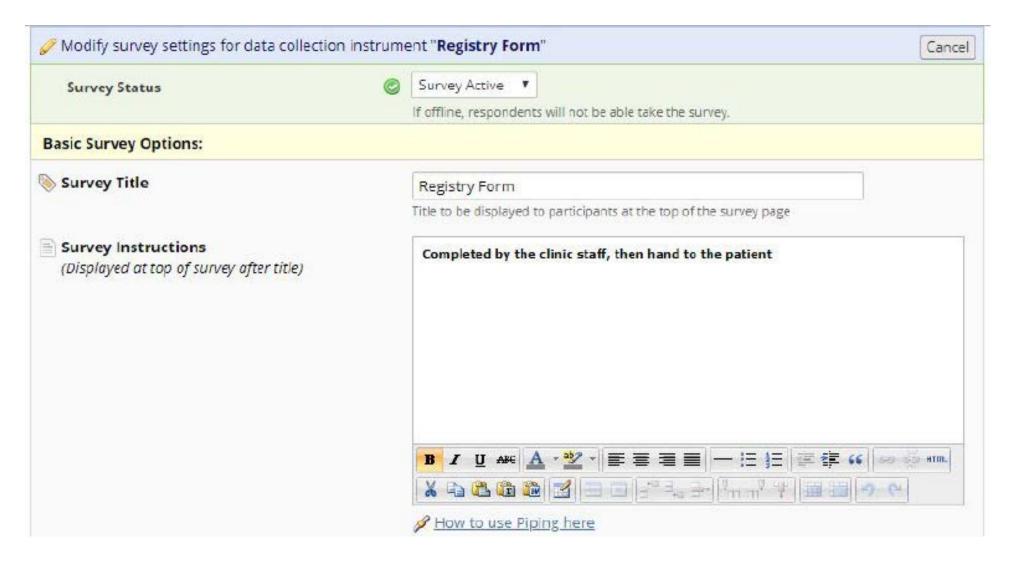
- Ability to repeat a single instrument (e.g., Adverse Events) or an entire event of instruments (e.g., Clinic visits) an unlimited number of times without having to specify the amount needed
- Able to implement with surveys

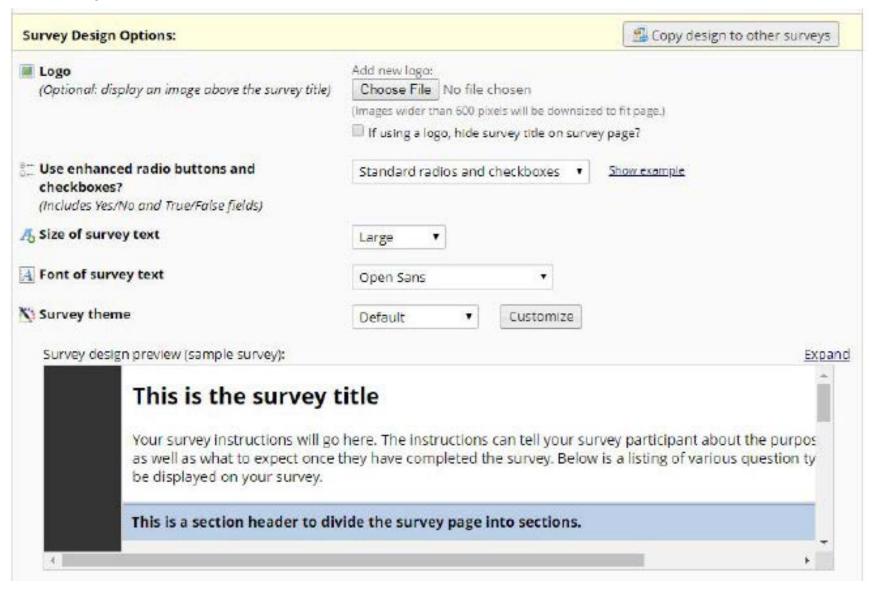


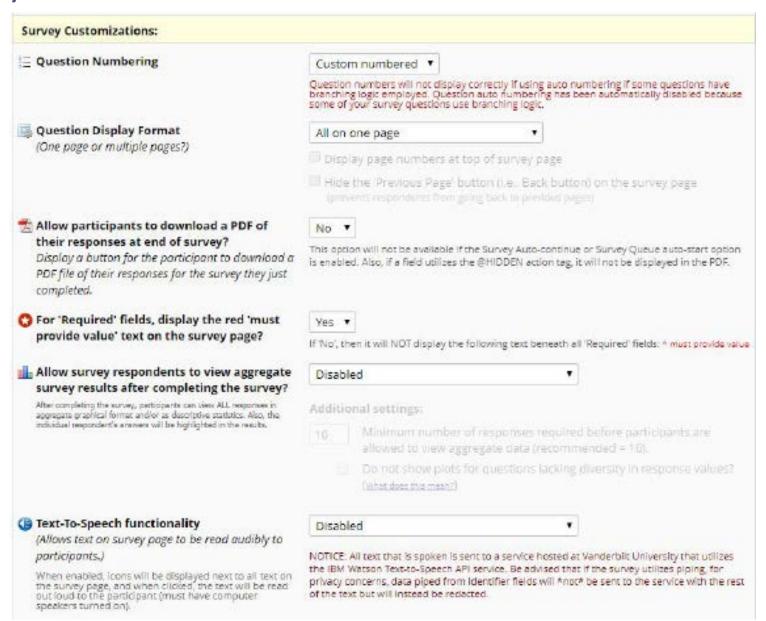
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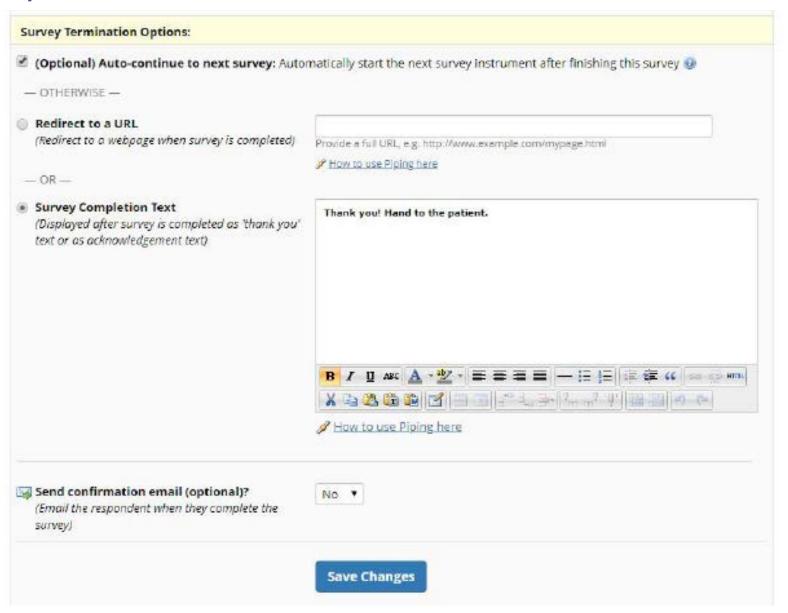


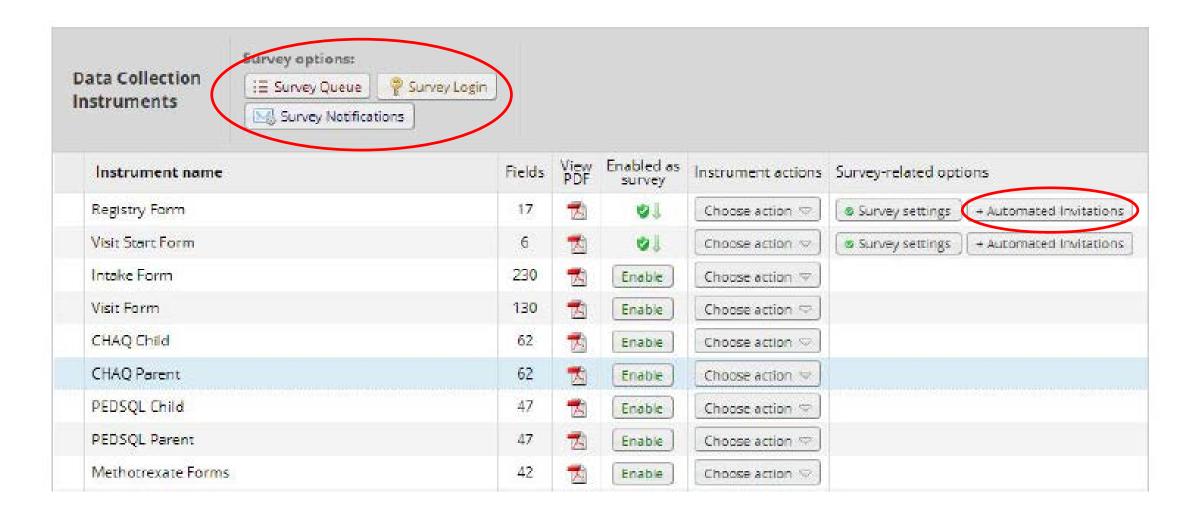


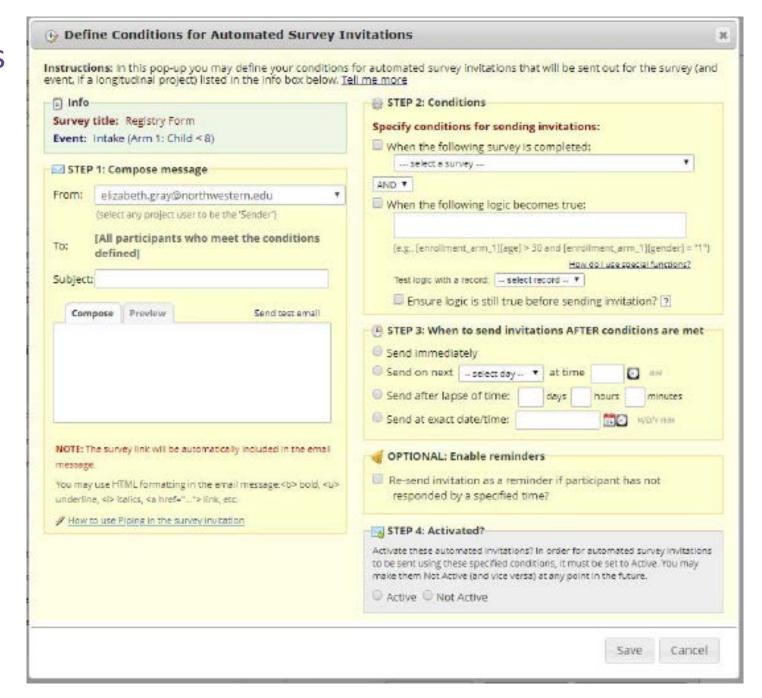


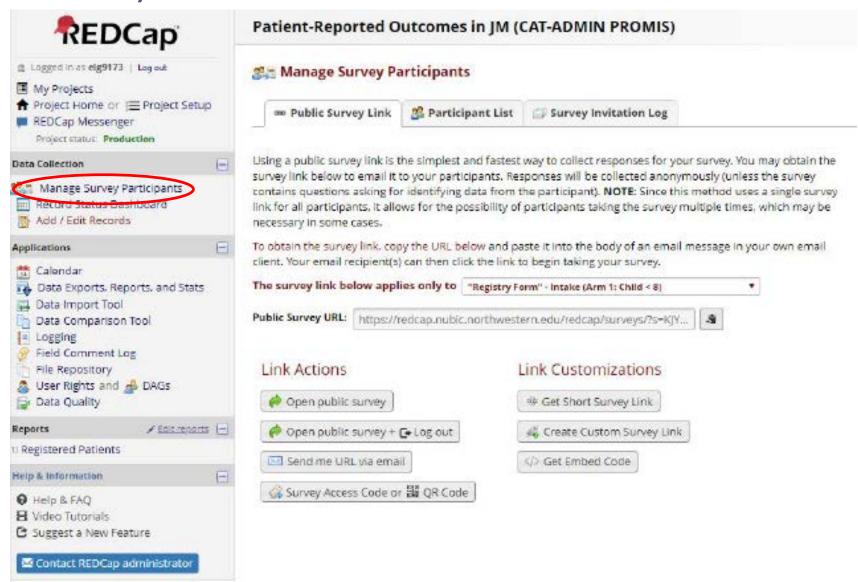


Survey Access:						
Response Limit (optional) (Maximum number of responses to collect. Prevents respondents from starting the survey after a set number of responses have been collected.)	(e.g., 150) If left blank, the response limit will not be enforced. Will include partial and completed responses ▼ Custom text to display to respondent on survey when limit is reached:					
	Thank you for your interest; however, the survey is closed because the maximum number of responses has been reached.					
(E) Time Limit for Survey Completion (optional) (The amount of time that each respondent has to complete the survey based on when they were initially sent the survey invitation. Note: This feature excludes public survey links.)	days hours minutes If the respondent loads the survey after this time has passed, it will not allow them to begin or continue the survey. (If all are left blank, the time limit will not be enforced.)					
Survey Expiration (optional) (Time after which the survey will become inactive.) ?	The time must be for the time zone US/Central, in which the current time is 01/23/2019 16:02.					
Allow 'Save & Return Later' option for respondents? (Allow respondents to leave the survey and return later.) 2	Yes ▼ Allow respondents to return without needing a return code Allow respondents to return and modify completed responses					





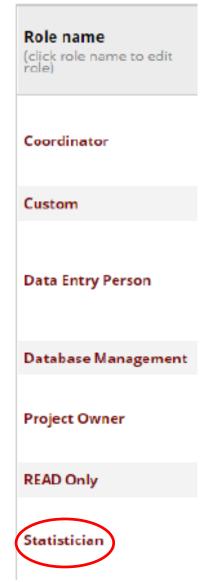


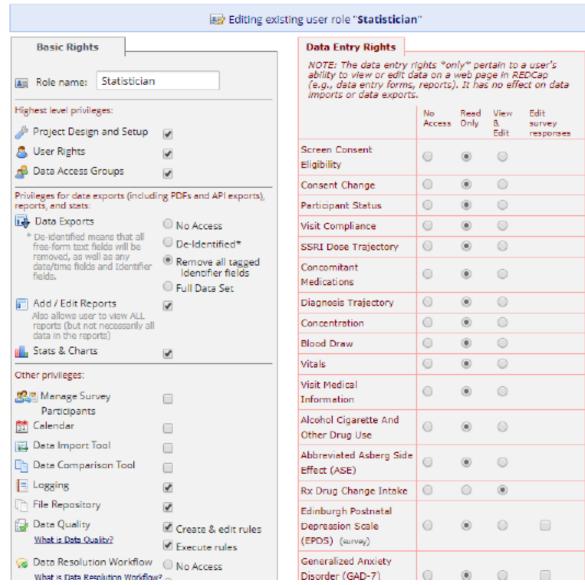


User Rights and Permissions

- Grant role-specific access privileges to study team personnel
- User rights include:
 - Project design and setup
 - Data entry
 - Data import and export
 - Form-specific access
 - Other custom/specific rights (e.g., randomization, logging, data import, etc.)
- Data Access Groups: when there are multiple sites in your study

User Rights and Permissions





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Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD-7)	0	(0)	0	

Fun things: Reverse branching logic

• If you need to preserve consistency, can use branching or "skip" logic to give warnings





[injury level]<>" and [inclus sci level]='0" and [inclus sci level]<>"

Fun things: Reverse "skip" logic

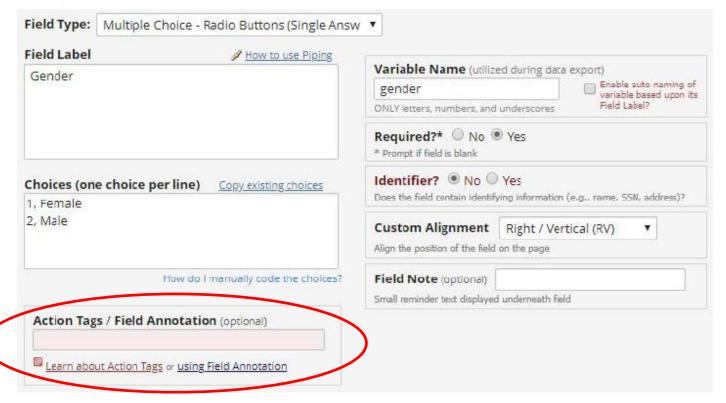
 For randomization, or when dealing with calculated fields, may want to turn a numerical entry into a categorical one



(([grassp_screening_mmt]<30 and [cat_grassp_screen]=2) or ([grassp_screening_mmt]>=30 and [cat_grassp_screen]=1))

Fun things: Action Tags/Field Annotation

- In general, these exist for documentation purposes, but many other applications
 - Word limits: @CHARLIMIT=50; @WORDLIMIT=50
 - Defaults: @DEFAULT="1"; @USERNAME; @PLACEHOLDER="For example, cats"
 - Redundant fields: @HIDDEN

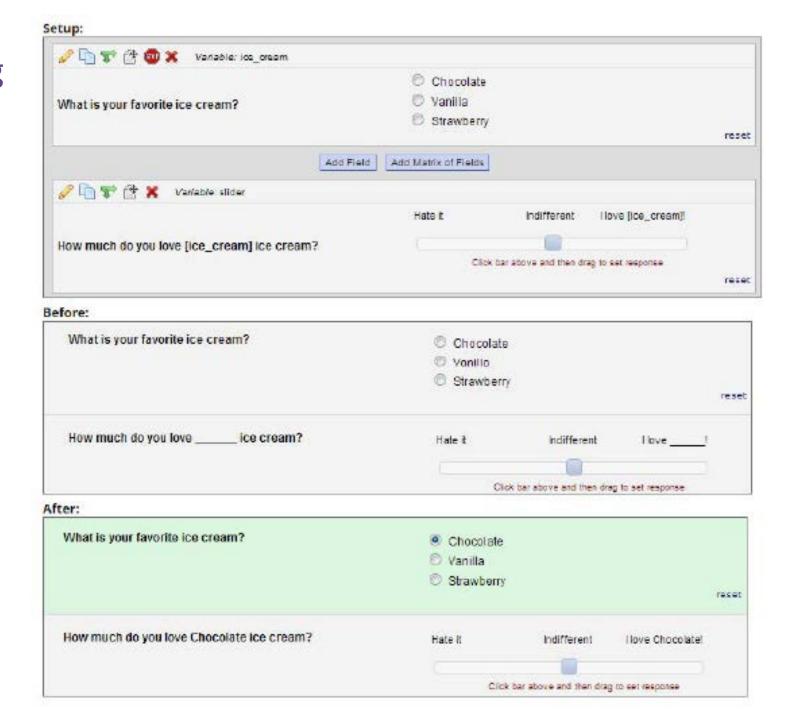


Fun things: HTML

- Center of page: <center>Text</center>; Tab:
- Bold: Text; Italics: <i>Text</i>; Underline: <u>Text</u></u></u>
- Font size/color: Text
- Emoji: Unicode: U+1F603, Redcap code: 😃



Fun things: Piping



IMPORTANT note: Branching logic/piping with arms/events

- If you are using longitudinal settings with multiple arms/events, branching logic and piping need to reflect that
 - When field that has branching logic applied to it is in a different event from the fields used for the logic
- Example: Pipe in "training hand" decided during screening, into intervention visits

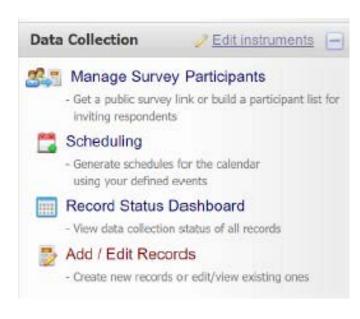




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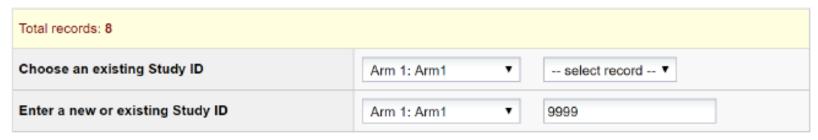
Data Entry, Quality Control, and Reporting

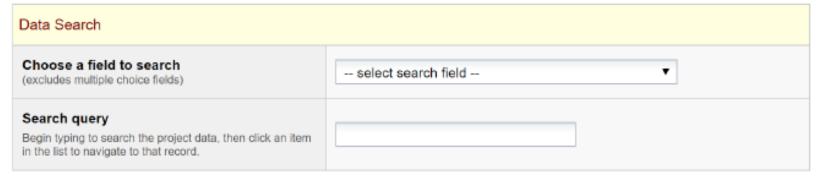
Data Entry



Add / Edit Records

You may view an existing record/response by selecting it from the drop-down lists below. To create a new record/response, type a new box below and hit Tab or Enter. To quickly find a record without using the drop-downs, the text box will auto-populate with existing record begin to type in it, allowing you to select it.



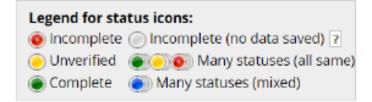


Data Entry

Record Home Page

@ Record "9999" is a new Study ID. To create the record and begin entering data for it, click any gray status icon below.

The grid below displays the form-by-form progress of data entered for the currently selected record. You may click on the colored status icons to access that form/event. If you wish, you may modify the events below by navigating to the <u>Define My Events</u> page.

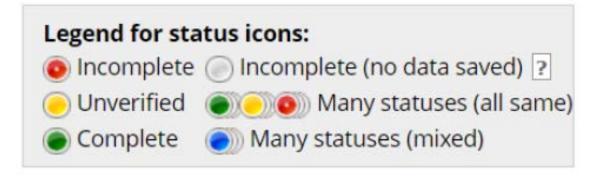


NEW Study ID 9999

Data Collection Instrument	Baseline	Week2	Week4	Week6	Week8	Week10	Week12	Ad Hoc
Enrollment Checklist	0							
Demographics	0							
Medical History	0							
Treatment Allocation	0							
Vitals	0							
Laboratory Assessment	0				0			
IP Tracking					0	0	0	
Termination								
Departures								
Adverse Events								0

Data Entry: Status Icons



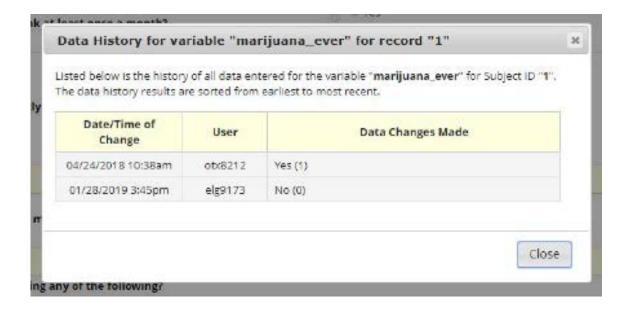


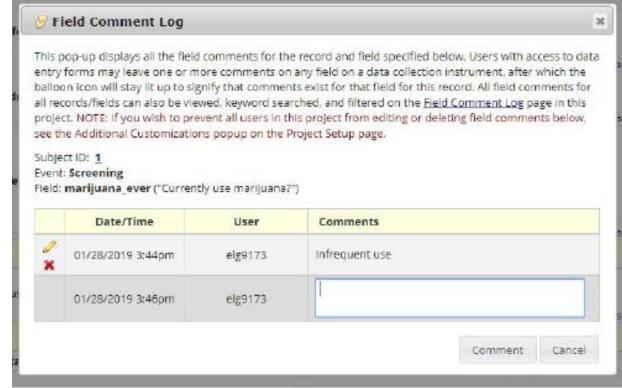
Data Entry: Status Icons

Data Collection Instrument	Consent	V1 Baseline	V2 Prenatal	V3 Prenatal	V4 Prenatal	V5 Prenatal	V6 Prenatal	V7 Prenatal	V8 Prenatal	V9 Prenatal	V10 Prenatal	V11 Prenatal
Screen Consent Eligibility												
Consent Change							(e)	0	0	0	0	0
Participant Status	0											
Visit Compliance		0										
SSRI Dose Trajectory	0											
Concomitant Medications	0											
Diagnosis Trajectory	0											1
Concentration		<u>@</u>	0	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blood Draw							0	0	0	0	0	0
Vitals							0	0	0	0	0	0
Visit Medical Information							0	0	0	0	0	0
Alcohol Cigarette And Other Drug Use		•	•	•	•	•	0	0	0	0	0	0
Abbreviated Asberg Side Effect (ASE)		•	•	•	•	•	0	0	0	0	0	0
Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale (EPDS) (survey)		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD-7) (survey)		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quick Inventory Depressive Symptomatology (QIDS) (survey)		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Global Health (survey)		0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Demographica (survey)		0										
Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) (survey)		0										
Chronic Medical Conditions (CMC) (survey)		0										
Mood Disorder Questionnaire (MDQ) (survey)		0										
Mini International Neuropsychiatric Interview (MINI)		•										
Antidepressant Treatment History Form (ATHF)		•										

Data History & Field Comment Log







Reports, Graphs, and Descriptive Stats

 Reporting feature may be useful for quick summarizations and tracking/coordination

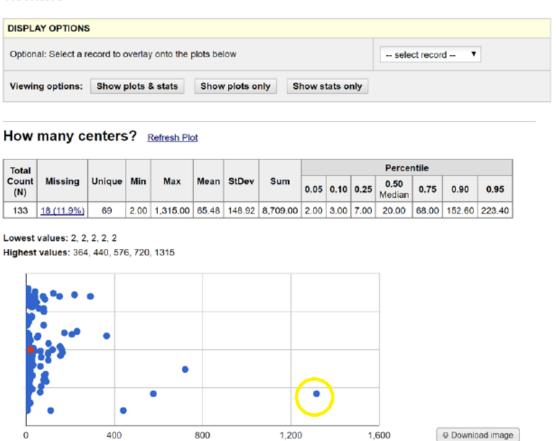




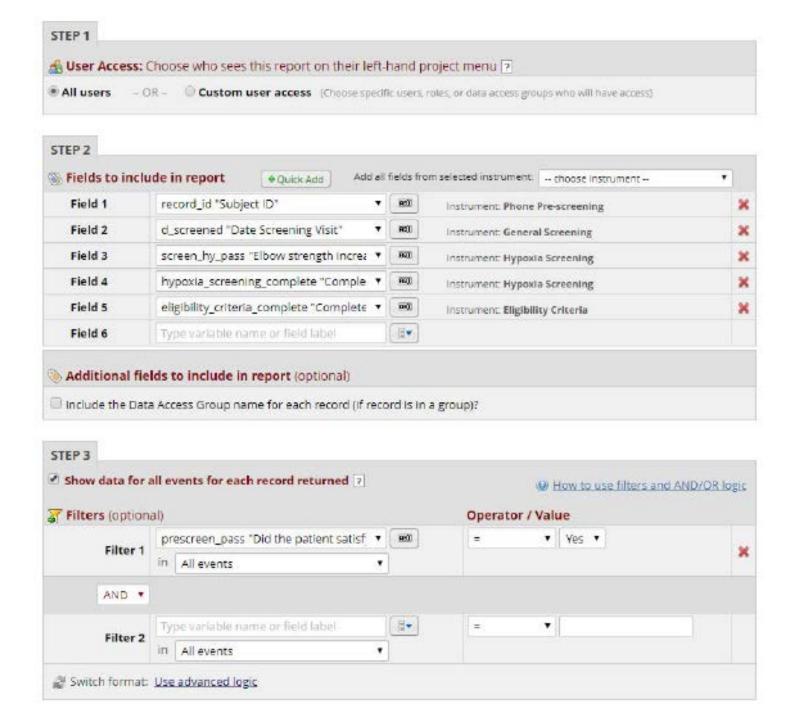
Reports, Graphs, and Descriptive Stats

- REDCap can also generate simple descriptive statistics and summaries
- You can select an individual data point to navigate to that record

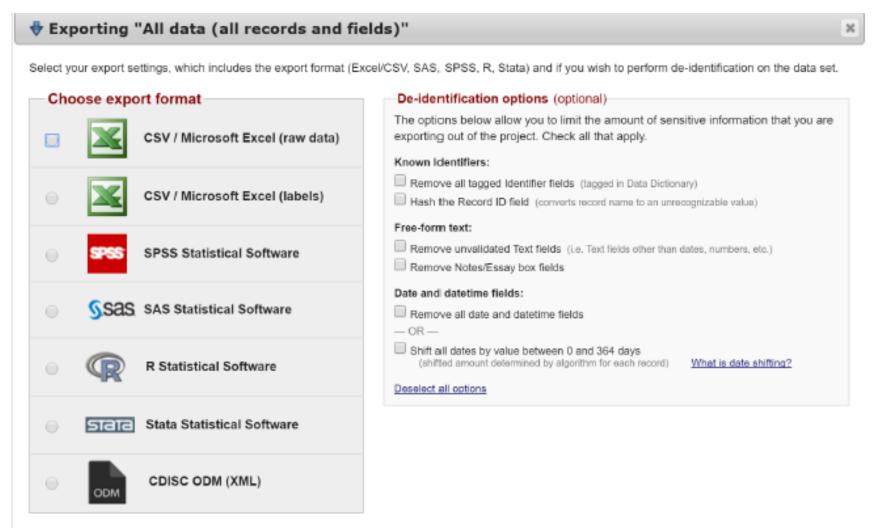
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Report Filtering



Data Export



Export Data

Cancel

Data Export

A	A	В	C	D	E	F	G	Н	1	J	K	L	M
1	record_id	redcap_event_	redcap_data_	d_prescreen	first_name	last_name	d_dob	age	gender	race	race_other	ethnicity	prescreen_pass
2	1	pre_screening	kessler	7/24/2016	Alfreda	A	3/6/1994	22	1	2 88	Cuban	1	1
3	1	screening_arm	kessler										
4	1	randomization	kessler										
5	1	baseline_visit_	kessler										
6	1	treatment_day	kessler										
7	1	treatment_day	kessler										
8	1	followup_visit	kessler										
9	1	followup_visit_	kessler										
10	2	pre_screening	miami	8/21/2017	Bobby	В	8/20/1992	25		1 2	2	2	1
11	2	screening_arm	miami		- 000002								
12	2	randomization	miami										
13	2	baseline_visit_	miami										
14	2	treatment_day	miami										
15	2	treatment_day	miami										
1.6	2	followup_visit	miami										
L7	2	followup_visit	miami										
18	3	pre_screening	sralab	4/24/2018	Carrie	C	4/21/1988	30		2 5	5	1	1
19	3	screening_arm	sralab										
20	3	randomization	sralab										
21	3	baseline_visit_	sralab										
22	3	treatment_day	sralab										
23	3	treatment_day	sralab										
24	3	treatment_day	sralab										



Advanced REDCap Features

Randomization and API

Randomization in REDCap

- Allows for custom pre-generated (i.e., not adaptive) randomization list
- Must be tied to a single event in a single 'Arm'
- Differing rights:
 - Setup (programmer/analyst/statistician)
 - Dashboard (unblinded personnel)
 - Randomize (unblinded personnel performing randomization)



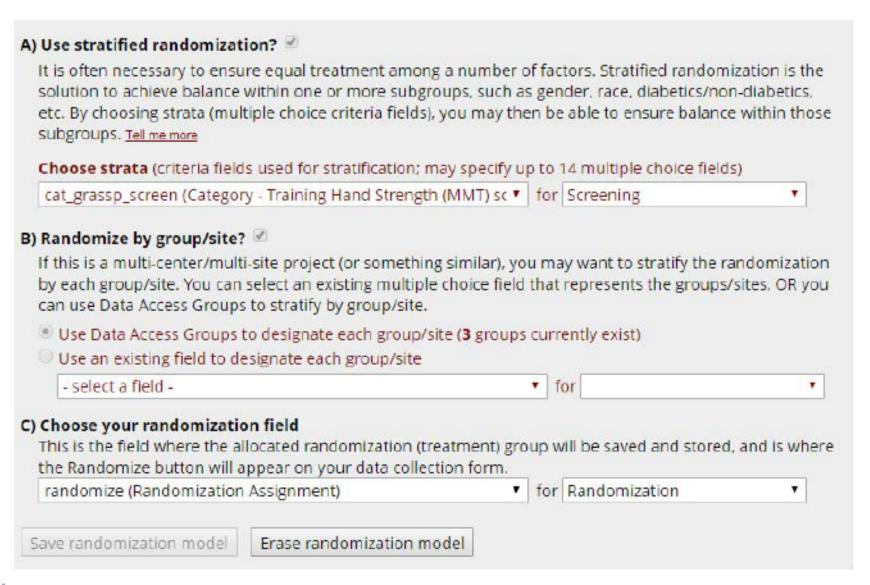
Set up a randomization model

The randomization module will help you implement a defined randomization model within your project, allowing you to randomize your subjects (i.e. records in your project).

Go to Set up randomization

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Randomization in REDCap



Randomization in REDCap



2	Α	В	C				
1	randomize	cat_grassp_screen	redcap_data_access_group				
2	1	1	971				
3	5	1	971				
4	4	1	971				
5	3	1	971				
6	2	1	971				
7	5	1	971				
8	3	1	971				
9	1	1	971				
10	4	1	971				
11	2	1	971				
12	4	1	971				
13	2	1	971				
14	5	1	971				
15	5	1	971				
16	4	1	971				

REDCap API

- API = Application Programming Interface
- Allows external applications (e.g., SAS, R) to connect to REDCap and retrieve and/or modify data
- Useful for performing automated data exports and transferring data between REDCap projects (though preferable to have one project per study)
- To use the REDCap API, users must be granted 'tokens' by a REDCap administrator that is specific to each username and project
- Each user running any code using the API must request their own API token, which should be treated like a password

REDCap API Code in R

Connect to REDCap

```
library(redcapAPI)

tdate <- Sys.Date()

rdata_Token <- "TOKEN"

rdata_url <- "https://redcap.nubic.northwestern.edu/redcap/api/"

rdata_con <- redcapConnection(url = rdata_url, token = rdata_Token)</pre>
```

Export

```
data <- exportRecords(rdata_con, content = "record")
write.csv(data, file = paste("Data_", tdate, ".csv", sep = ""), row.names = FALSE)
redcap.data <- read.csv(paste("Redcap_", tdate, ".csv", sep=""))</pre>
```

Import

```
new.data <- ....
importRecords(rdata con, new.data, overwriteBehavior="overwrite")</pre>
```



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Limitations and Resources

Cautions

- Less is more
 - Just because technology and features are available, does not mean you need to or should use it: "Don't use a hammer to swat a fly"
 - Consider how each feature and application will fit into your data management procedures
- Education, training, communication = key
- REDCap's flexibility and ease of use... may lead to error/disaster
 - Test, test, and test again!
- Northwestern REDCap administrators offer office hours, but it is essential that project owners take ownership and assume all responsibility for that project

REDCap Resources

- REDCap Video Resources and Tutorials
 - http://projectredcap.org
 - Shared Library a repository for REDCap data collection instruments and forms that can be downloaded and used (for free) by consortium partners
- University of Florida REDCap guides
 - https://www.ctsi.ufl.edu/research/study-design-and-analysis/redcap/redcap-user-guides
- Checklist on DigitalHub
 - http://dx.doi.org/10.18131/G39311

REDCap at Northwestern

- Online session for New Project Owners (email for access)
 - redcap@northwestern.edu
- Log on to REDCap (must be on campus network for VPN)
 - https://redcap.nubic.northwestern.edu/redcap/
- REDCap Intro Session & Office Hours
 - https://nucats.northwestern.edu/
- All users must complete: REDCap User Agreement
 - https://redcap.nubic.northwestern.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=WK39RMR44F

Citing REDCap

- Cite NUCATS grant support in publications relating to your projects
 - "REDCap is supported at FSM by the Northwestern University Clinical and Translational Science (NUCATS) Institute, Research reported in this publication was supported, in part, by the National Institutes of Health's National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences, Grant Number UL1TR001422. The content is solely the responsibility of the authors and does not necessarily represent the official views of the National Institutes of Health."
- Also cite the REDCap project when publishing manuscripts
 - https://projectredcap.org/resources/citations/

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