How to use ClinicalTrials.gov to find clinical trials on alopecia areata

Follow the steps outlined below to search for up-to-date information on alopecia areata clinical trials.

**Step 1:** Open your web browser and navigate to the clinicaltrials.gov homepage.
Step 2:

- Look for the **Find a Study** fill-in box located on the right side of the homepage.
- Under **Status**, make sure that “All studies” is clicked.
- Under **Condition or disease** type in: **Alopecia Areata**
- The **Other terms** field is optional. However, if you know a specific study drug that you are interested in, or the sponsoring drug company, or the researcher conducting the study, you may enter it here.
- Under **Country**, select the country where you live from the drop-down menu. If you select United States, you can also enter for state. You may choose to leave the city blank or enter your city and the distance you are willing to travel for a trial.

See the example below.

Once all the fields have been completed, click on the blue **Search** button.

At the very top of the screen, you will find the number of studies that were found in your area.
Step 3: On the left-hand side of the screen, you will find a Filters menu where you may narrow down the criteria for your search. To find active/ongoing clinical trials that are looking for patients, select the status as Recruiting. Make sure to hit Apply at the top or bottom of the filters section.

In our example search, we found two research studies currently recruiting in our area!

Click on the study title, hyperlinked in blue, for the trial you are interested in. There you will find the study description, eligibility criteria, and location and study contact information.
To contact someone about getting involved in the study, you will need to navigate to the **Contacts and Locations** section within the specific study page. You can click on the hyperlinks circled in the image below to easily navigate directly to the section or you can scroll down to find the information as well.

Keep in mind that by contacting a study site, you are not making a commitment to participate in a clinical trial. This is only the first step in getting more information about the clinical trial so that you can make an informed decision about whether participating is right for you.

**Note:**
- ClinicalTrials.gov is a great resource for learning about clinical studies and staying up to date on the latest research in alopecia areata. Under the interventions column you will be able to see what drugs are currently undergoing testing for the treatment of alopecia areata.

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