

Human Test Subject Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Question: Who do I contact if I need test subjects for an approved study?
Test Subject Screening Recruiting RNs located in the OMC, 281-483-7284 or 281-483-7240.
Question: How long is a test subject physical valid for?
The physical for a test subject is good for 1 year.
Question: What documentation is required when requesting test subjects?
Principal Investigator (PI) needs to provide the TSS with the Test Subject Request Form, a copy of the IRB approval letter, a copy of the Consent form/Layman's Summary, and a copy of the LAD for payroll information. The Test Subject Request Form can be located at irb.nasa.gov
Question: If a medical monitor is required for testing, who do I contact?
The PI would contact the Medical Monitor Coordinator located in the OMC, 281-483-7498 in a timely manner.
Question: How long does it take to obtain test subjects for a study?
TSS is allowed 6 weeks to provide test subjects, however, due to a current qualified test subject pool, the timeframe can be shorter. Studies requiring very specific or a large number of subjects may take a longer period.
Question: How do I become a test subject?
A volunteer can contact the TSS RNs at 281-483-7284 or 281-483-7240 for an initial screening and obtain the necessary paperwork.

Question: How are test subjects compensated for their time?

Test Subjects are compensated an hourly fee for testing. Restrictions apply to NASA civil servants and some BC contractors. PIs must submit payroll information to the TSS Medical Secretary on a weekly basis.

Question: How are test subjects recruited for a study?

Test Subjects are contacted by the TSS RNs from the test subject qualified pool by phone, e-mail, or through recruitment articles in the JSC Today. Test Subjects are encouraged to contact the TSS for participation in any upcoming studies.