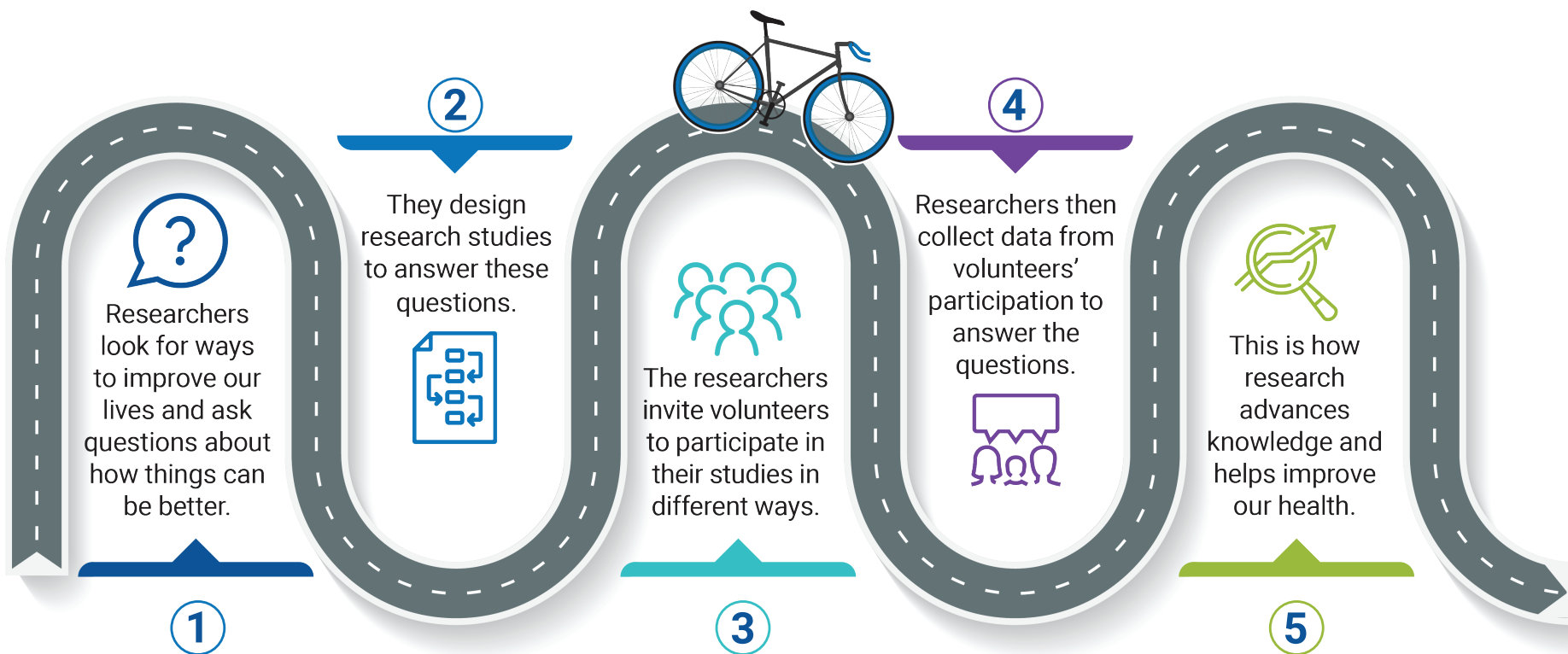


Interested in Volunteering for a Research Study? Here Are Some Things to Consider...



The Basics of How Research Works



A Partnership Between Researchers and Participants

- We all rely on research to find ways to improve our lives.
- Research studies need people to volunteer to find answers to questions that matter to us.
- Participation in research helps to advance knowledge and improve our health, but volunteering for a study is not for everyone; it is a personal choice.



Examples of How Research Has Led to Important Advancements:



New cancer treatments



Artificial limbs and prosthetics



Addiction treatment programs



Mindfulness programs for pain relief

Here's What to Think About Before Volunteering...

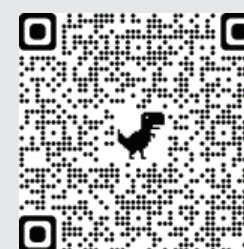
<p>? What questions do researchers want to answer in this research study? This tells you the reason for the study and whether it is something that matters to you.</p>	<p>? Why are you being asked to participate? This tells you how the study could be relevant to you, your condition, or your experience.</p>
<p>? What will you have to do in the study? This would help you consider the impact, effort, time, cost, and other burdens on you if you participate.</p>	<p>? What's in it for you if you participate? This tells you what you might gain from participation. For example, a chance to test if a new drug works, participate in a fun experiment, contribute to the understanding of how our body works and feel good about being able to help make things better by advancing science.</p>
<p>? What are some reasons for you <i>not</i> to participate? This could help you understand the drawbacks of participation, including risks you may experience and how participation may affect you in other undesirable ways.</p>	<p>? What if you decide not to participate, what could that mean for you? This could help you understand if there are other options or opportunities that may matter to you.</p>

Want to Know More About Research Participation?

Access a library of information to help you decide! Resources are also available in Spanish!

- Watch short informational videos
- Learn about why we have regulations to protect research participants
- Print a list of questions to ask the research team

Visit our website at www.hhs.gov/About-Research-Participation or scan the QR code.



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