



# Add Health Consumer Wearable Ancillary Study

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# Wearable device data elements

## Self-report

- Height
- Weight
- Age
- Gender

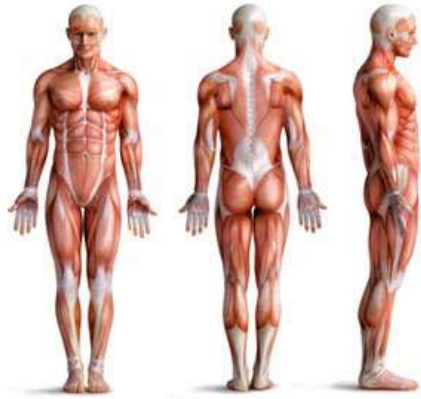
## Basic Dataset

- Steps
- Distance traveled
- Floors climbed
- Calories burned
- Active minutes
- Sedentary minutes
- Specific exercises / activities
- Sleep time
- Sleep quality

## Expanded Dataset

- Heart rate
- Fitness score
- Workout routes and pace
- NN interval
- RR interval
- Respiratory rate
- Tidal volume
- Minute ventilation
- Abdominal / thoracic respirations

**Wearable devices enable low-cost,  
distributed, passive, longitudinal measures  
of human behavior and physiology.**



431 devices are available from 266 different vendors.

*ClinicalTrials.gov*



335 registered clinical trials are using Fitbit devices for data collection.



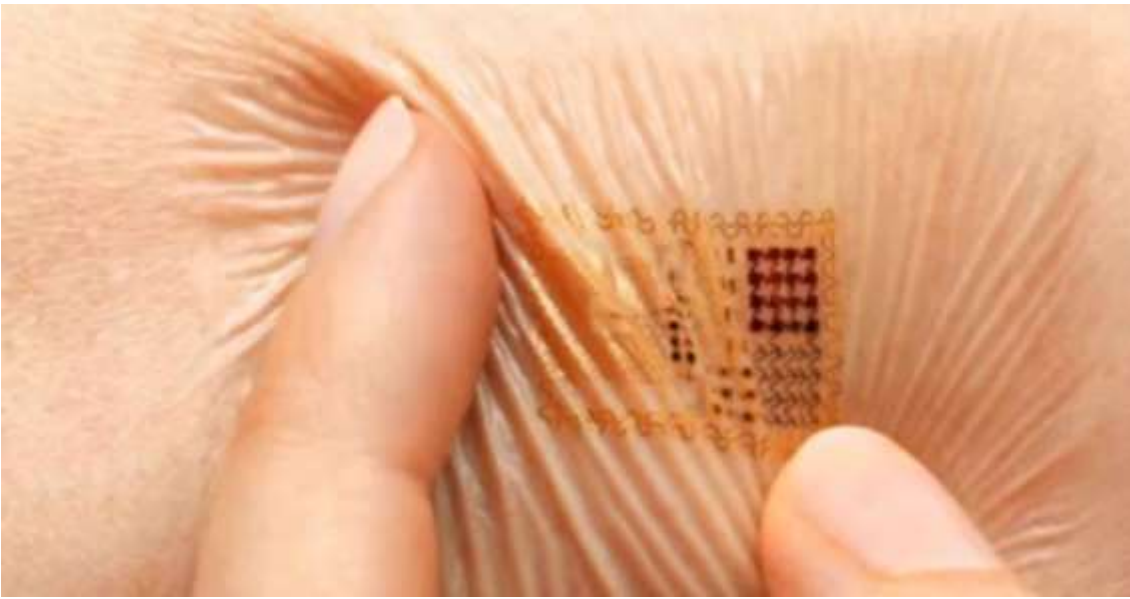
Over 682 papers have been published on Fitbit devices since 2012.











**National Longitudinal Study  
of Adolescent to Adult Health  
(Add Health)**

# Add Health

- Longitudinal study of a nationally representative sample
- Adolescents in grades 7-12 in the United States in 1994-95
- Have been followed through adolescence and the transition to adulthood with four in-home interviews
- Add Health is re-interviewing cohort members in a Wave V follow-up
- Collecting social, environmental, behavioral, and biological data

# Add Health – Data access and use

- From its inception, Add Health has promoted use of its data across social science, public health, human development, biomedical sciences, and related fields
- Global data resource for over 10,000 users
- Pioneer in the secure release of confidential data
- Add Health has no proprietary period
- Access to new waves of data the same day as program investigators

# Add Health - Publications



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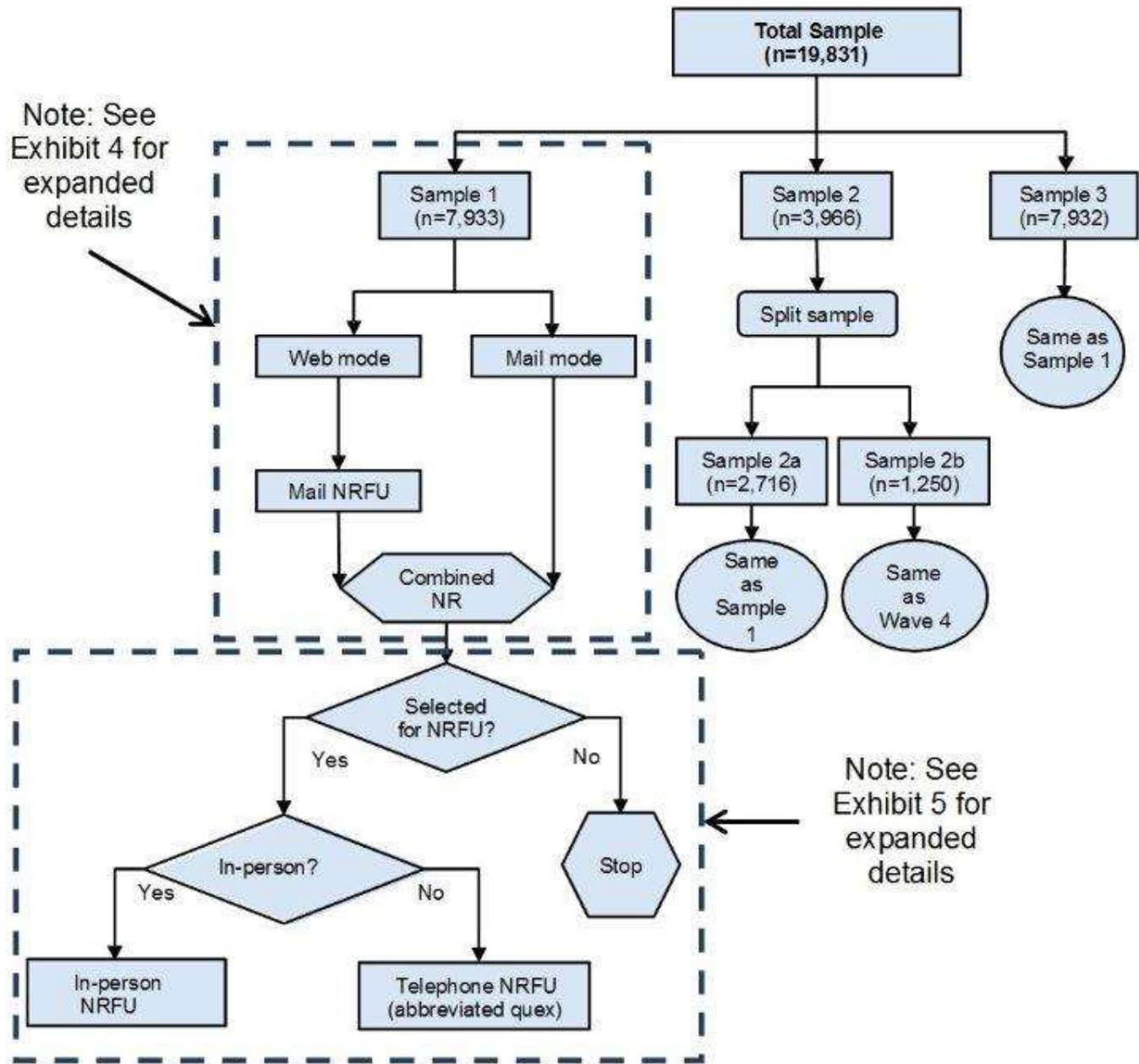
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**Add Health Consumer Wearable Ancillary Study**



# Add Health Consumer Wearable Ancillary Study - Aims

- Aim 1: Determine rates of smartphone and consumer wearable device adoption within the Add Health cohort.
- Aim 2: Invite cohort members identified in Aim 1 to make a one-time donation of historical data collected using personally owned wearable devices.
- Aim 3: Prepare a harmonized dataset.
- Aim 4: Conduct preliminary analysis of wearables data, including device types, duration and consistency of tracking, and physical activity outcomes.

# Add Health Consumer Wearable Ancillary Study - Survey

1. Do you own a smartphone?
2. If yes, what kind?
3. Do you use smartphone apps to track or manage your health?
4. If yes, what category of wellness do you track or manage?
5. Do you own a wearable device?
6. If yes, what kind?
7. Would you be willing to donate your personal data to Add Health?
8. If no, please specify reason why.

# Add Health Consumer Wearable Ancillary Study - Intake



Dear [NAME\_FILL],

When you were interviewed for the Add Health Study, you indicated that you own a [DEVICE\_FILL], and that you are willing to share some of your [DEVICE\_FILL] data with Add Health researchers. The only data our researchers are collecting are height, weight, daily number of steps, floors climbed, distance walked or run, stride length, intensity of physical activity, and calories burned if this information is logged with your [DEVICE\_FILL] app or dashboard.

If you are still willing to share this information with us, please follow the link below to complete this process. It should take less than five minutes to complete.

<insert pghd url>

If you have any questions about this part of the Add Health Study, please contact Robert Furberg at [rfurberg@rti.org](mailto:rfurberg@rti.org) or 919-316-3726. For questions about the study in general, you may contact [addhealth@rti.org](mailto:addhealth@rti.org) or 1-866-382-6814.

Thank you again for your participation in the study.

Sincerely,

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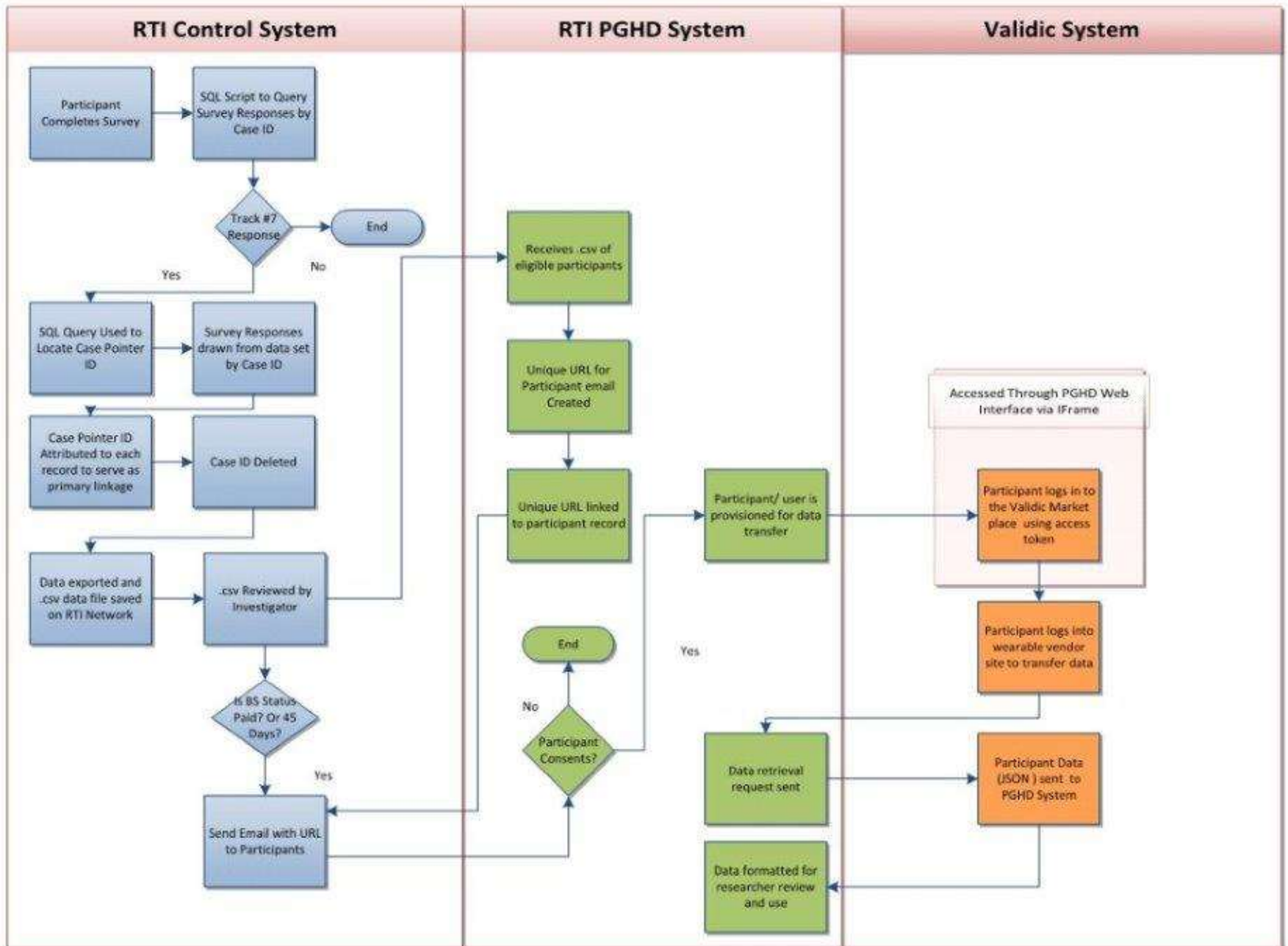
# Patient-Generated Health Data

**Empowering the patient** and harnessing the proliferation of smart phones and remote monitoring devices for sharing health data.

## What is PGHD?

**Patient-Generated Health Data**, or **PGHD**, are health-related data—including health history, symptoms, biometric data, treatment history, lifestyle choices, and other information—created, recorded, gathered, or inferred by or from patients or their designees (i.e., care partners or those who assist them) to help address a health concern.

# AddHealth Data Flow



# Current metrics

- 11,725 cases completed
- 955 wearable device owners
  - 485 agreed to donate their personal data
  - 470 declined
- Some of our most immediate questions include
  - How many participants are lost to eIC or on-boarding?
  - What are the characteristics of the wearables datasets we receive?
  - Prevalence of devices by model + features

# Unexpected findings

- Device ownership rate is lower than expected
  - 8.14% adoption
- Data donation rate is higher than expected
  - Over 50% agreed

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

## A Large-Scale Initiative Inviting Patients to Share Personal Fitness Tracker Data with Their Providers: Initial Results

Joshua M. Pevnick , Garth Fuller, Ray Duncan, Brennan M. R. Spiegel

Published: November 15, 2016 • <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0165908>



# Next steps

- Add Health Wave V data collection will be complete by 31OCT
- Statisticians will begin weighting all Wave V items collected
- An effort will be made to harmonize the wearables data
- Documentation will be drafted to summarize validation literature
- Wearables dataset will be submitted for review by Add Health
- If approved...

# If approved...

...will be the first study to generate a public-use consumer wearable device dataset, linked to individual survey responses, biospecimens, and clinical measured collected from members of an NIH cohort.

# More Information

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