



Flight Tracker Consortium Meeting

March 18, 2020

This Week's Agenda



1. Updates on Progress
2. Survey Questions, Mass Emails, and Sharing Data - Rebecca Helton & Scott Pearson (Vanderbilt)
3. Next Month: Interpreting Results

Progress

1. Adapting to the T space in 2.11.1 - Changes

1. [Custom Grants](#)

2. New Summary Variables: Under-Represented Minority,
Disability, Disadvantaged Status

2. Next: NIH Tables 5A/B, 6A/B, & 8A/C

Surveys

Survey questions collect data:

1. Necessary for training tables
2. Useful for studying factors influencing career trajectory

Surveys

Surveys are pre-filled with information already existing on that scholar in Flight Tracker

1. Grants and publications downloaded from public sources
2. Demographic/educational/other data you have uploaded manually or imported from other REDCap surveys your scholars have taken

Surveys

- Initial survey is more comprehensive.
- Followup survey asks if they want to change any existing information, but otherwise doesn't show them demographics, educational history, etc. and only concentrates on updates in jobs, honors, papers, and grants.

Survey Features

1. Pre-filled from computed values
2. What you CAN do: add fields and additional surveys
3. What you SHOULDN'T do: change or delete questions
 - a. This would disallow data aggregation and could potentially break the summary form.

Mass Emails

1. Issue: Want to send personalized survey link to scholars
2. Initial tests did not go well; we're working on an alternate, automated testing plan
3. Hope to release this in late spring

Sharing Among Flight Trackers

1. Challenge: Do not want to over-survey scholars
2. Therefore, the following plan is developed to be run once a week:
 - a. IF same name and userid is used in more than one REDCap instance
 - b. AND IF survey information exists in one place but not another
 - c. THEN copy the data to share
 - d. Do not copy additional fields
3. Hopefully, out in late spring/early summer.

Next Month

1. Interpretation of Individuals, Population, and Sub-Groups
 - a. What to do when someone asks a question about your group of scholars
 - b. How you can use your newly acquired knowledge in reports, grant applications, etc.

Overall Agenda

1. Installation
2. Getting Started
3. Handling Grants (Current)
- 4. Emails, Surveys, and Internal Data-Sharing (Current)**
5. Interpretation of Individuals, Population, and Sub-Groups
6. Publication Wrangling
7. Reporting and NIH Tables
8. Ongoing Use and External Data-Sharing
9. Advanced Configurations
10. Mentoring, Resources, and Feedback