**Join A New Healthcare Worker Research Community**

*Because you know what it takes to be a HERO, participate in the Healthcare Worker Exposure Response & Outcomes Registry*

The Healthcare Worker Exposure Response & Outcomes [(HERO) Registry](http://heroesresearch.org/) is inviting U.S. healthcare workers to share their clinical and life experiences in order to understand the perspectives and problems faced by workers on the COVID-19 pandemic front lines. After creating a profile on the registry, participants can choose to participate in surveys and receive invitations to future clinical trials.

The HERO Registry is asking hundreds of thousands of healthcare professionals to join. This includes nurses, therapists, physicians, emergency responders, food service workers, environmental services workers, interpreters, and transporters – anyone who works in a setting where people receive health care.

*[Include Optional Quote from leader in your organization here:  
Example to customize: “We know the stress that our front line healthcare workers are under and appreciate everyone’s service. The HERO Registry is yet another way for our heroes to help fight the pandemic by participating in research that answers crucial questions about how to protect ourselves.”]*

The first trial, [HERO-HCQ](https://heroesresearch.org/our-research/), will be available to select registry participants. The trial will test if hydroxychloroquine (HCQ, brand name Plaquenil®) is effective in preventing coronavirus infections in healthcare workers. Participating sites within [PCORnet®](https://pcornet.org/), the National Patient-Centered Clinical Research Network will use the registry to recruit 15,000 healthcare workers to participate. The registry will also be used for other clinical trials and research studies that address unmet needs for healthcare workers.

There is no cost to enroll in the HERO Registry, which is completely voluntary, and only takes only a few minutes to join. After joining, registry participants will receive surveys and opportunities to participate in future studies. Healthcare workers can participate as much or as little as they like. The registry will follow a protocol developed by the Duke Clinical Research Institute and data guidelines to keep healthcare worker information secure.

The HERO research program is funded through a [Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute](https://www.pcori.org/) Award (Contract Number: COVID-19-2020-001). The program is coordinated by the [Duke Clinical Research Institute](https://dcri.org/) and leverages [PCORnet](https://pcornet.org/)®, the National Patient-Centered Clinical Research Network.. To learn more about the HERO Registry, visit <https://heroesresearch.org>.

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“Healthcare workers treat and protect all of us from COVID-19. With the HERO Registry we aim to develop better measures to protect and support them,” said **Adrian Hernandez, MD, MHS, principal investigator of the HERO research program**, which is led by the Duke Clinical Research Institute ([DCRI](https://dcri.org/)), part of the Duke University School of Medicine. “The registry will leverage PCORnet resources and capacity to help us develop fast knowledge to keep healthcare workers safe and healthy, which ultimately will help protect us all.”

“We’re calling on all healthcare workers to share their perspectives so that we can understand and provide answers to the problems they face in real time – and over time,” said **Emily O’Brien, PhD, principal investigator of the HERO Registry** and Assistant Professor in Duke’s Department of Population Health Sciences.

“Hospitals, health systems, and health plans that participate in PCORnet have worked in partnership for years and are well poised to deliver fast, reliable research infrastructure to study

COVID-19,” said **Chris Forrest, MD, PhD, co-chair of the HERO Registry** and principal investigator of [PEDSnet](https://pedsnet.org/), one of multiple PCORnet Partner Networks participating in HERO-HCQ. “Infrastructure issues that might cause lag time for other studies are hurdles PCORnet has already crossed. PCORnet was developed for exactly this type of research challenge, and the Network is ready to meet the moment.”

“It is hard to think that by doing my daily job, not only can I get sick, but I can infect those that I love the most,” **said Jorge Lascano, associate professor of Pulmonary and Critical Care, University of Florida**, in a [video message](https://youtu.be/ys_cjqj332U). “This is the time to be proactive, to develop ways to stay safe on the front lines. I encourage everyone to be a part of HERO—and part of the solution.”