

Jackson Heart Study Exam 5 Ancillary Concept Proposals

FAQs

This document provides responses to general questions received by the JHS Field and Coordinating Centers. The responses are made available to all investigators to promote fairness in the dissemination of information. Exam manuals can be found at: <https://www.jacksonheartstudy.org/Research/Study-Design/Forms-Manuals/Manuals-Exams-1-4>.

What are the exact assessment measures planned for Exam 5?

The exact questionnaires, assessments, and measurements for Exam 5 have not been finalized. The general areas to be assessed for Exam 5 are listed in the call for concept proposals. To assist those planning to obtain repeated measures at Exam 5, we recommend proceeding as if the measures used in Exam 4 will be repeated in Exam 5.

Who will be the contact person or working group for Exam 5 assessments?

For the concept proposal phase, the Field Center PI (April Carson) and the Coordinating Center PI (Leann Long) are the points of contact for Exam 5 assessments.

What imaging will be done, what will be the imaging protocol, and who will be the responsible investigator?

Imaging protocols for Exam 5 have not been finalized. The Field Center PI (April Carson) and the Coordinating Center PI (Leann Long) are the points of contact for Exam 5 assessments. Reading Centers will be named at a later date after the Exam 5 protocol is finalized.

Where can I find information about what was collected at Exam 4?

Information on what was collected at Exam 4 can be found on the jacksonheartstudy.org website using the Exam 4 Field Manual, either via link on home page or link above, or the derived variables dictionary. Additionally, the ancillary studies done at Exam 4 (including PI name, grant number, and measures collected) are listed on the website.

Are there any assessment measures that investigators are not allowed to propose?

No, there are no specific restrictions on what can be proposed. However, please keep in mind that each concept proposal will be reviewed based on its scientific merit, rationale for conducting the research in JHS, participant/staff burden, and potential for stigma.

Can an investigator submit more than 1 concept proposal?

Yes.

What is the projected recruitment target for Exam 5?

2240.

Will Exam 5 take place at the Jackson Medical Mall? If so, can we submit a proposal that needs measures to be done at the hospital?

The JHS Field Center is located at the Jackson Medical Mall, so you may plan for Exam 5 to occur there. If measures need to be done off-site (at the main campus hospital or other UMMC clinics), then the logistics and costs associated with that would be coordinated with the Field Center PI (April Carson) if the concept proposal is selected to move forward.

Do we need to have JHS investigators identified before concept proposal submission?

No, this is not required for the concept proposal phase. The preliminary review will focus on selecting the top-ranked proposals based on scientific merit, rationale for conducting the research in JHS, participant/staff burden, and potential for stigma. For Exam 5 concept proposals selected to move forward, PIs will work with JHS investigators to finalize the research project and logistics prior to grant submission.

What happens if multiple investigators submit similar concept proposals with overlapping measures?

Each concept proposal will be reviewed individually. If multiple investigators submit concept proposals with similar or overlapping components, the review scores for each proposal will be considered first, and then, if the scope of each proposal aligns, the investigators will be encouraged to explore a potential collaboration.

Should I include estimates of staff and participant burden in my proposal?

Yes, please include a time estimate in addition to describing/listing the components to be measured/done.