

## **RHSCIR (patient registry) and GRP (web-based secure software for conducting clinical research)**

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The Information Technology team at the Rick Hansen Institute has a vision: To remove technology as an obstacle and make it easy for researchers to create and operate studies whether large and small, single site or multi-site, local, national, or international. At the same time, we are interested in streamlining the analysis of data once it has been collected, providing “data insight” so researchers can use to answer investigative questions before moving to a full data extract. To achieve these goals, RHI developed a secure, easy to use platform for electronic data collection, linking, and analysis, called the Global Research Platform (GRP). It has been in operation for two and half years and currently hosts 10 studies, including RHSCIR, Camper, Canadian Spine Society Registry, and the CHHM Hip Fracture Registry. As part of RHI’s mission, the GRP is available free for spinal cord injury research, and operates on a cost-recovery model for research in other areas of medicine.