



BUDDY PROGRAM

Please use this document to assist in introducing the Buddy Program to your patients.

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WHAT IS THE BUDDY PROGRAM?

The HS Buddy Program is a peer support system that connects individuals who are currently participating in a clinical trial or are interested in participating in a clinical trial with a “buddy” who can help navigate decisions and challenges specific to trial involvement. This access to a peer mentor brings together people with shared experiences to learn from and support each other, providing a space where HS patients feel understood and accepted.

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HOW DO I MATCH WITH A BUDDY?

If you're interested in matching with a Buddy, please fill out this form and we'll match with one of our mentors who best fits your criteria.

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HOW OFTEN CAN I CONTACT MY BUDDY?

Once you match with a Buddy, you will keep that same Buddy for a period of 6 months. Throughout the 6-month period, you can contact your Buddy as frequently as needed.

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CAN I REMAIN WITH THE SAME BUDDY?

Absolutely! Once you match with a Buddy, you will keep that same Buddy for a period of 6 months.

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DO I HAVE TO PARTICIPATE IN A CLINICAL RESEARCH STUDY IF I CONTACT A BUDDY?

No! The aim of this program is to assist in education and communication within the HS community, regardless of where you are in your clinical trial journey – if you're only considering joining a trial or you're already participating.

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HOW DO I JOIN?

If you would like to be matched with a HS Buddy, please fill out [this form](#) and we'll reach out with next steps. If you're interested in being a Buddy, please fill out [this form](#) and we'll contact you if you meet the eligibility requirements.

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WHAT IF I HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at <<insert email address>>.



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