The University of Florida’s “universal consent” effort, called “Consent2Share,” is a multi-disciplinary effort that creates a fundamental new capability in the clinical and translational research environment. Informed consent is at the center of research participation. The UF Consent2Share project is developing a large group of potential research participants who have consented to be re-contacted for future research studies. Having this consent data available in combination with the other data in an Integrated Data Repository will increase speed and feasibility in identifying potential research participants who meet study criteria. The challenges, however and of course, are large.

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