

News from the **RESOURCE HUB**

Completing all the steps to initiate an industry-sponsored trial can be daunting. Requirements vary depending on study characteristics and knowing what steps to complete in what order can be confusing and lead to misdirected effort.

To assist study teams in navigating this process, we have developed an innovative graph database tool that accounts for dependencies between steps to create customized and comprehensive study initiation process maps.

Bloom Process Mapping Tool

The **Bloom** process mapping tool allows for study teams to construct customized web-based study initiation process maps. These maps are intended to facilitate the study start-up process for teams by allowing them to identify required steps, understand dependencies between steps, and document progress. Additionally, each study-specific process map may be shared with multiple team members, allowing collaborators to view and contribute to the study initiation process.

[Click to Access Bloom](#)

Please note, users must utilize a VPN connection to access Bloom if working off-campus.

Resources about how to utilize Bloom can also be found on the [CRSO website](#).

Currently, only industry-sponsored trials (studies funded by external organizations that have contracted with a UNC-Chapel Hill Investigator to conduct the study at an individual site) are supported in Bloom, but more study types will be supported in future versions.

Bloom is a work in progress! Please help to optimize this tool by providing your feedback using the "Feedback" button in Bloom.

Why "Bloom"?

The name "Bloom" is intended to represent the process of supporting a study from its feasibility stages to it becoming a fully operational project. The project "blooms" as all the study initiation steps are completed!

