The STAND program is a series of research studies conducted by the Innovative Treatment Network (ITN). The ITN is the treatment research component of the UCLA Depression Grand Challenge, a campus-wide research initiative aimed at cutting the burden of depression in half by 2050 and eliminating it by 2100. Learn more about the Innovative Treatment Network and the Depression Grand Challenge.

Each STAND research study is approved by the UCLA Institutional Review Board (IRB Medical #3). Study procedures are described to participants through an informed consent form. Only individuals who (electronically) sign the appropriate informed consent forms can participate in the STAND program.

We take utmost care to protect the privacy and confidentiality of our participants. The specific details of the steps we take to protect the privacy and confidentiality of our participants are outlined in the respective informed consent forms. Below, we provide convenient access to these forms for review.

IRB# 17-001938 – Student Screening
IRB# 16-001395 – Tracking Study
IRB# 16-001395 – Online Therapy with Certified Support
IRB# 17-001365 – Clinical Care

We also work with third-party service providers to perform specific aspects of STAND. Each of these providers are guided by their own terms of service and privacy policies. Their methods of information exchange are vetted by UCLA Office of Compliance Services prior to establishing their use for the purposes of the ITN. Information transfer is always done in a secure and encrypted manner. Where applicable, we have signed business associate agreements (BAA) with these third-party service providers to satisfy the requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

Below we provide a list of these third-party services providers. Note that their terms of service and privacy policies might change without notice.

Crisis Response – ProtoCall Services
Online Scheduling – Acuity Scheduling
Web Analytics – Piwik Pro
*Mental Health Tracker – Adaptive Testing Technologies
*Diagnostic Testing - TeleSage

The content of the STAND program’s informed consent forms might change without notice following approval by the UCLA IRB. Participants who have already signed an earlier version of an informed consent form are not affected by these changes. This means that the procedures outlined in the informed consent form signed by a participant
will be followed for the given participant. Participants may be offered the opportunity to sign a new informed consent form following these changes but maintain the right to decline to sign the new informed consent.

*In an attempt to additionally protect sensitive information, we provide only deidentified data to these third-party providers when possible. In some cases, identifying data is necessary in order to provide the given service.*