

What kinds of data do we collect?



Survey Questionnaire

Covers education, family, health, Occupation/industry, demographics, and more. Designed to be comparative with other NLSL studies.



Biomarker & Physical Measures

Collection of blood, saliva, in-home measurements of weight, height, grip strength, hearing, blood pressure, and more. Implemented in HS&B:2021 and NLS:72 2025.



Cognitive Measures

Test battery to measure cognitive ability and decline implemented in HS&B:2021 and NLS:72 2025.



MRI Scans and Analysis

A subsample of respondents (500) will do an MRI scan. Led by Columbia with partners at 5 sites across the US. New for NLS:72 2025 wave.



Administrative Data Linkages

Linkages using NLS:72 and HS&B data to records including cancer registries, credit reports, voter registration, the National Death Index, and pharmaceutical records.

We can't do all this alone...

We have several vendors that we work with to support data collection: NORC at the University of Chicago, ExamOne, and the Advanced Research Diagnostic Lab at the University of Minnesota.



NORC supports most of the data production process, assisting with building surveys, locating respondents, and administering interviews.



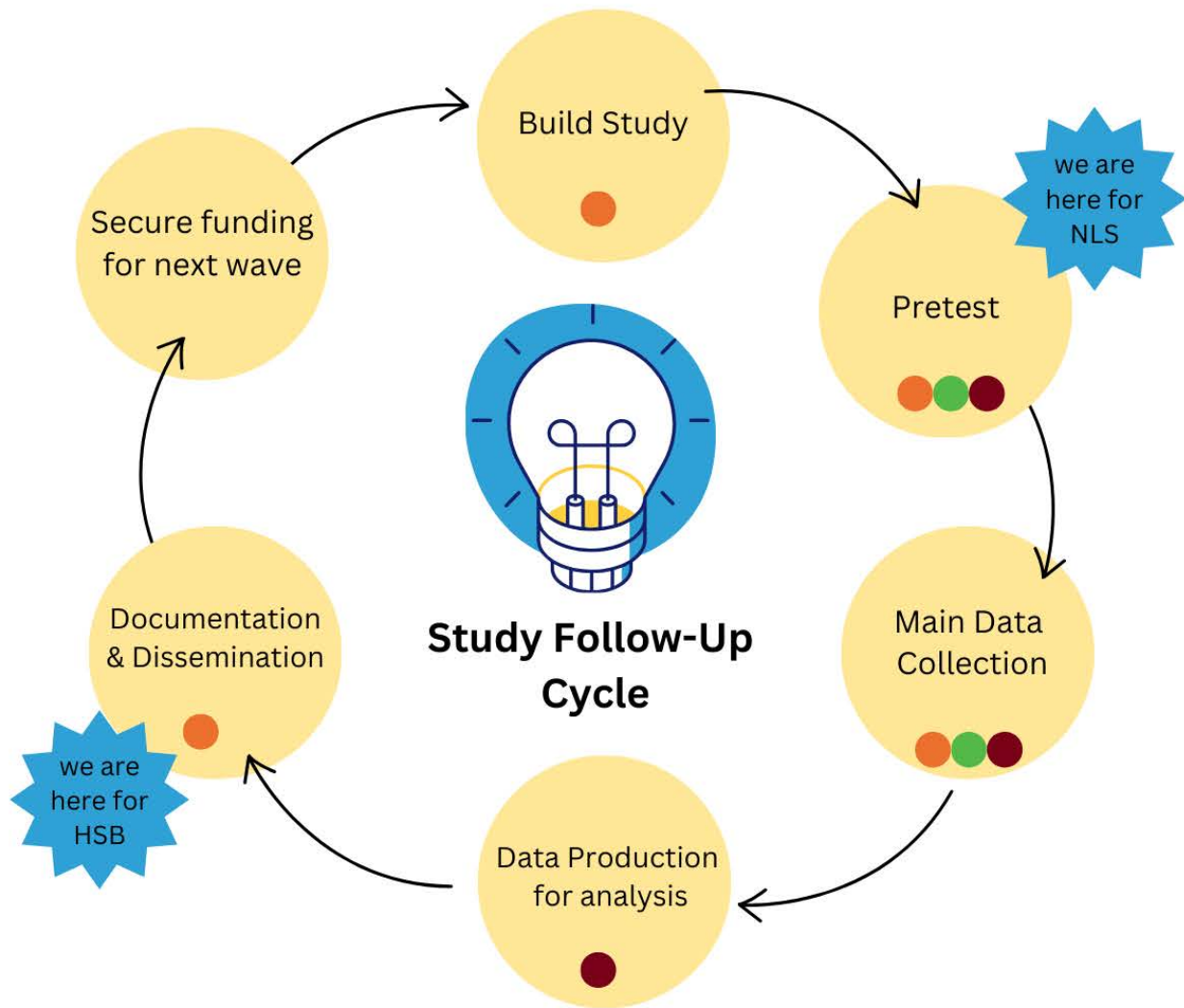
ExamOne supports our biomarker data collection, conducting venous blood samples and some physical measurements, and for phone and web participants, saliva samples.



The Advanced Research and Diagnostic Lab at the University of Minnesota receives all blood and saliva samples for processing, assaying, and storage.

How do EdSHARe studies work?

Both studies follow a data production cycle that takes place over several years. It is timed so that while one study finishes active data collection and production, we are securing funding and gearing up for the other.



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