

# Research in Abnormal Psychology

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- Research is the systematic search for facts through the use of careful observations and investigations

Why is research important to abnormal psychology?

- Research allows us to evaluate theories and treatments for:
  1. Accuracy
  2. Effectiveness
  3. Safety

# Challenges in Clinical Research

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- Clinical researchers face certain challenges that can make their work difficult:
  - Measuring unconscious motives
  - Assessing private thoughts
  - Monitoring mood changes
  - Calculating human potential
- Clinical researchers must consider diverse features of the people they study, including cultural background, race, gender, sexual orientation, age, language of origin, etc.
- They must always ensure that the rights of their research participants, both human and animal, are not violated