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TIPS, TRICKS, AND KNOW-HOW

DRAFT-PREVIEW MODE

Test it. Tweak it. Trust it.

Ever wish you could *test your draft changes* in REDCap before submitting them for review? Now you can! With — *Draft-Preview Mode* — you can review and test your data entry forms with all drafted changes fully active, so you can go live with confidence!

What It Does

- Creates a safe, session-based sandbox in your production project.
- Test every field, rule, and calculation in your drafted changes
- Experience your form exactly as users will once your changes are approved
- Enter ephemeral test data — temporary values stored only for your session (no real data is saved). When you leave Draft-Preview Mode or end your REDCap session, that test data simply vanishes!

Use Draft-Preview Mode to:

- Validate your new branching logic or calculation.
- Check field alignment, embedded fields, or layout changes
- Walk through form workflows before requesting approval

Know the Limits

- No new records can be created or edited (all data is transient)
- Record and form locking are disabled
- Randomization and the Randomization module are disabled
- Field Comments, Data Resolution Workflow & Data History Popups are disabled
- Alerts, ASIs, and Data Entry Triggers will not fire
- Form Display Logic is disabled
- Only changes to existing forms can be previewed

Draft-Preview Mode applies only to data entry pages, the Record Status Dashboard, and the Record Home Page — not to surveys or other project areas.

Draft-Preview Mode is active only for you and remains on until you turn it off or your session ends. Perfect for quiet testing time before you hit “Submit Changes for Review.”

For other helpful tips and tricks: [UCH REDCap website](#)

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