eRA Enhancement: Redesigned Section in RPPR to Help Grantees Categorize Products Developed Under a Grant
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Grantees filling out a Research Performance Progress Report in eRA Commons are expected to list significant products developed with their grant in Section C of the RPPR, namely websites, technology and other products.

The product sections of the RPPR have been redesigned recently to help grantees better categorize the products arising from their grant. A new scrollable menu lists 14 product categories under which to list the product(s): Audio or video; data or databases; research material; educational aids or curricula; evaluation instruments; instruments or equipment; models; physical collections; protocols; software; survey instruments; interventions (e.g. clinical or educational); new business creation and other.

After entering a description for one or more reportable products in a text box, the grantee can then select appropriate categories for the product using a scrollable menu. Grantees are not limited to a single category per product; please select as many categories as appropriate for the product being reported.

In addition, grantees can turn to a new resource 'Guide to Categorizing Products in RPPR's Section C' to find definitions, examples and distinctions to help them decide which categories are appropriate for their product(s). For instance, videos developed to elicit behavioral change, such as counseling or motivational videos, or to instruct patients, may also meet the definition of clinical intervention.

Figure 1: Screenshot of a subsection of RPPR Section C, displaying the scrollable menu on the left.

This menu can be found in all three subsections of Section C: websites (C.2), technology (C.3) and other products (C.5). Grantees who do not have a product to report can click on the 'Nothing to Report' checkbox.