



Questions to Ask Your Doctor About Clinical Trials

Questions about the Trial

- What is the purpose of the trial?
- Why do the researchers believe that the treatment being studied may be better than the one being used now? Why may it not be better?
- How long will I be in the trial?
- What kinds of tests and treatments are involved?
- Does this trial use a placebo or approved standard of care to compare to the new treatment?
- How will the doctor (or I) know if the treatment is working?
- How will I be told about the trial's results? If so, when?
- How long do I have to make up my mind about joining this trial?
- Who can I speak with about questions I have during and after the trial?
- Who will be in charge of my care?
- What are the extra types of visits, tests, and data they will be collecting for this study?
- Who can help me handle all of my needed visits and tests for the study?
- Who will inform me of any changes to the trial and how that affects my care?
- Is there someone I can talk to who has been in the trial?

Questions about Risks and Benefits

- What are the possible side effects or risks of the new treatment?
- What are the possible benefits?
- How do the possible risks and benefits of this trial compare to those of the standard treatment?

Questions about Your Rights

- How will my health information be kept private?
- What happens if I decide to leave the trial?
- Who should I notify if I wish to leave the trial?

Questions about Costs

- Will I have to pay for any of the treatments or tests?
- What costs will my health insurance cover?
- Who pays if I'm injured in the trial? Who should I notify if I am injured or have an adverse event?
- Who can help answer any questions from my insurance company?



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Questions about Daily Life

- How could the trial affect my daily life?
- How often will I have to come to the hospital or clinic?
- Will I have to stay in the hospital during the clinical trial? If so, how often and for how long?
- Will I have to travel long distances?
- Will I have check-ups after the trial?

**Adapted from the National Cancer Institute: www.cancer.gov/about-cancer/treatment/clinical-trials/questions*

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