

## Questions to ask before joining a clinical trial

Clinical trials test new drugs and techniques for diagnosing and treating cancer of all types before they are approved and available to the general public for use. Participating in a clinical trial might be a good opportunity for you to access therapies in your cancer journey, but all trials have benefits and risks. Before you decide to join one, we suggest you ask any or all of these questions of your healthcare provider. It's important that you understand the trial and feel comfortable participating.

You can print this list and take notes directly on it, or ask a friend/family member to jot down information so you can listen fully.

- What phase is this clinical trial in?

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- Why is this study being done?

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- How long do I have to decide about joining?

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- What will happen if I decide to take part - or not - in this clinical trial?

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- Will the researchers work with my cancer doctor? Who will be in charge of my care?

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- Who will I contact if I have problems, questions or concerns?

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- What are my other options and the pros and cons of each?

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- How much do you know about this treatment and clinical trials in general?

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- In past studies of this treatment, what were the results? Do they apply to me?

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- Is there anything I can read about this clinical trial?

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- What treatments and tests would I need to have, and how often?

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- Would I need to plan on extra time or travel?

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- What side effects might I expect and how do they compare to those from standard care for my cancer? Are there other risks?

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- How will we know if the treatment is working?

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- Will I need to be in the hospital for any part of the trial? If so, how often, for how long and who will pay for it?

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- Will I still see my regular cancer doctor?

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- Will I have to pay for anything? Will my insurance cover the treatment?

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- If I am harmed as a result of the research, what treatment will I be entitled to?

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- How long will the clinical trial last?

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- Will I be able to work during the clinical trial?

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- Are there reasons I could be removed from the clinical trial or that the clinical trial might stop early?

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- Is long-term follow-up care part of the trial? What would it involve?

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- If the treatment is working for me, can I keep getting it even after the clinical trial ends?

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- Can I talk to other people taking part in the clinical trial?

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- Will I be able to find out about the results of the clinical trial?
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