

Clinical Trials

For treatment of people with cancer

Questions to ask your doctor

When you talk with your doctor or a member of our clinical trials team, consider taking a family member or friend along for support and to ensure that your questions are answered. That person can also take notes or tape-record the session so that you can review the information later. Here is a list of questions that you may want to ask.

1. What are researchers hoping to learn from the study?
2. What do doctors already know about the treatments being studied?
3. How long will the study last?
4. What are my responsibilities?
5. How will I know if the study is successful?
6. What are the potential risks and benefits?
7. How do the possible risks and benefits of this trial compare with my other treatment options?
8. How will being in the study affect my daily life?
9. What types of therapies, procedures and/or tests will I have during the trial?
10. How do the tests in the study compare with those I would have if I do not participate in the trial?
11. What are my other treatment options?
12. Will I be able to take my regular medications while in the clinical trial?
13. Where will I go for my medical care?
14. Who will be in charge of my care?
15. How long will I be in the study?
16. What will I be asked to pay?
17. Will my health insurance pay for costs not covered by the clinical trial?
18. Who can answer questions about my insurance coverage?

