

# FIVE TRUTHS about breast cancer clinical trials.

- 1 Breast cancer treatment clinical trials NEVER use placebos instead of standard treatments.** → Everyone who takes part in a breast cancer treatment clinical trial gets treated. Clinical trials test the safety and benefits of new treatments as well as new combinations (or new doses) of standard treatments. You will get either the new treatment and/or the standard treatment.
- 2 Breast cancer patients at ANY stage of disease can join a clinical trial.** → Clinical trials aren't just for people undergoing treatment or for people living with metastatic breast cancer. There are trials for people who've finished treatment and for those who've never had breast cancer. Breast cancer clinical trials study prevention, new screening tests and treatment options, as well as quality of life issues.
- 3 I DECIDE if a clinical trial is right for me.** → The person who decides if a specific breast cancer clinical trial is right for you, is YOU. Doctors should discuss the benefits and risks of clinical trials with eligible patients, but patients should make the final decision. If you are not sure, you can always get a second opinion.
- 4 Clinical trials are offered in MANY types of places.** → Clinical trials take place across the country (and around the world) in many types of medical centers, hospitals and clinics.
- 5 Participating in a clinical trial IS voluntary.** → You are free to change your mind and stop participating in a trial at any time, for any reason. Giving your written permission to join the study (informed consent) does not force you to stay in the study.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Cancer clinical trial enrollment by adults in the U.S. is less than 5 percent! And, of these participants fewer than 10 percent are members of racial or ethnic communities who often face higher breast cancer mortality rates.

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