Clinical Trials

Clinical trials are studies designed to test the safety and effectiveness of ways to prevent, detect or treat disease. People volunteer to join these studies. Clinical trials are a great way to try a new, potentially better treatment as well as a way to help cancer research. Today, because of the brave women and men who have been a part of breast cancer clinical trials, we have better ways to screen, diagnose and treat breast cancer. Answers to the questions below may help you gather information about clinical trials so you can work with your doctor to make the choice that is right for you.

Q: What are the different phases and types of clinical trials?
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Q: What is informed consent?
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Q: What else do I need to know before I enroll in a clinical trial?
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Q: Is there a clinical trial you can suggest for me? If so, why?
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Q: How can I find out more about this trial?
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Q: Where do I need to go to be part of the trial? Do I have to travel? How often do I need to be seen?

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Q: What are the pros and cons of this trial?

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Q: What is a placebo? Will I get a placebo?

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Q: What costs are covered by the trial? What additional costs should I expect? Will insurance cover the cost to participate in this trial? If not, is there financial assistance available?

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Q: What happens when the study ends? Is there long-term follow-up care? If the treatment is working for me, can I continue to get it after the study ends?

A:

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