



QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR DOCTOR

Clinical Trials for Treatment

Clinical trials test the safety and benefits of new treatments as well as new combinations (or new doses) of standard treatments. People volunteer to join these studies. Clinical trials are a great way to help cancer research. Clinical trials can also study other parts of care including risk reduction, screening and diagnosis.

If you'd like to join a clinical trial, you may feel overwhelmed and unsure of what to ask your doctor or study coordinator. Here are some questions to help start the conversation. More questions can be found [here](#).

Q: Is there a clinical trial you can suggest for me? If so, why? How can I find out more about this trial?

A: _____

Q: What do I need to know before I enroll in a clinical trial?

A: _____

Q: What is informed consent?

A: _____

Q: Do I have to travel to be a part of this trial? How often do I need to be seen?

A: _____

Q: What are the risks and benefits of me joining this clinical trial?

A: _____

Q: Who chooses which type of treatment I will have? Is there a placebo in this trial? Will I get one?

A: _____

Q: What costs are covered by the clinical trial? Will travel and parking be covered? Will insurance cover the remaining costs to participate in this trial?

A: _____

Q: If not, is financial assistance available?

A: _____

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

A: _____

Notes:



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