



CANCER CLINICAL TRIALS

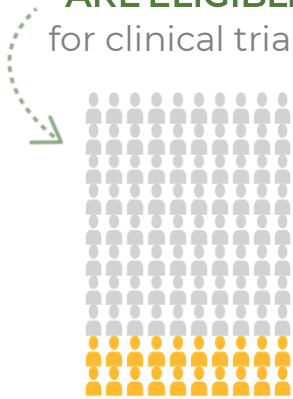
THE ROLE OF PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS



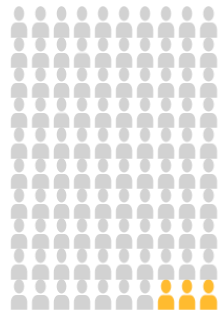
Cancer clinical trials study new drugs, alternative medicines, radiation therapy, or behavioral approaches to improve care across different cancer stages.

WHY REFER PATIENTS TO CANCER CLINICAL TRIALS?

20% of patients nationwide
are **ELIGIBLE**
for clinical trials.



ONLY 2-3%
of patients
PARTICIPATE
in clinical trials.



Enrollment in trials is often lower among those:

- ↓ 65 years of age or older.
- ↓ Living in rural areas.
- ↓ Who are members of a racial/ ethnic minority group, particularly African American.

Your referrals will help increase enrollment among these groups.

Barriers to trials include:

- X Suspicion of research.
- X Financial concerns.
- X Lack of knowledge about enrollment.
- X Transportation.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF CANCER CLINICAL TRIALS?



Trials provide access to promising practices and new treatments.



Patients have an active role in their cancer care.



Trials are available for different types and stages of cancer.



Personalized medical care is provided by the clinical trial team.

– Participation moves medical research forward for all patients with cancer. –

HOW CAN PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS HELP?

1 Support enrollment of patients with cancer in clinical trials.

2 Seek out trials that are available.

 **NIH – National Library of Medicine**
www.clinicaltrials.gov

3 Encourage patients to talk with their oncology team about clinical trial options.

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