




# CANCER CLINICAL TRIALS

—WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW—

## WHAT IS A CANCER CLINICAL TRIAL?

- A research study that involves people to find **new ways to improve cancer care**, such as with prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and managing side effects.

## IS A CLINICAL TRIAL RIGHT FOR YOU?

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- There are trials available for different types and stages of cancer.
  - Enrollment in a trial is always voluntary.
  - Could be an option for those who have had many treatments.

*Ask your provider if there is a trial you should consider.*

## QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR PROVIDER

- What are the different requirements to participate?
- Will the trial replace my current treatment?
- What are the possible benefits and side effects?
- At what point in my treatment should I begin a trial?
- Who will coordinate my care?
- What types of treatments and medical appointments are part of the trial?
- What are the costs? Who pays?
- Will I have to travel to receive treatment?
- How long will the trial last? What happens if I leave early?

# WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF CLINICAL TRIALS?



You have an active role in your cancer care.



Medical care is coordinated with the clinical trial team.



Participating is a way to "pay it forward" because you can help move research forward for all people with cancer.



Early access to promising new treatments not yet approved for general use.



Guidelines are in place to protect your rights, privacy and safety.

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## FINDING A CANCER CLINICAL TRIAL

Ask your provider for help finding a trial.

Trials are held at different health systems, medical centers, and locations.



Trials may be supported by health systems, government or drug companies.

Look online for available trials:  
[www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov)  
Or call: National Cancer Institute at 1-800-4-CANCER.

This document contains general information and is not meant to replace consultation with your health care provider.

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