

QUESTIONS TO ASK ABOUT CLINICAL TRIALS

When discussing possible participation in a clinical trial, it is important to have all the information you need to make a decision. Here are some questions you, or your physician, might want to ask the clinical trial's sponsor or principle investigator.

- What is the purpose of the study?
- What will happen during the study?
- How many people will participate?
- Who is funding this study?
- Where is this study being done?
- How long will I be in the study?
- What are the potential risks of joining this clinical trial?
- What is the disease or condition for which the drug is being studied?
- Can you recommend any peer-reviewed literature to read that contains data/information known about the drug so far?
- Will I get a placebo?
- How do the tests and treatments in this study compare to those in standard care?
- How often do I need to come in for treatment and testing?
- Will it cost me anything to be in this study?
- What medical expenses will be paid by the clinical trial?
- Will my insurance cover the remaining costs or will I need to pay for them myself?
- Will I be paid for participating?
- 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?
- What happens if I am harmed somehow in the study?
- Is medical care provided and paid for by the study?
- How will my personal information be protected in this study?
- Can I stop my participation in the study at any time for any reason?