

Learn More about Clinical Trials: What kinds of questions should I ask about the clinical trial I'm interested in?

Some questions that you might wish to ask about the clinical trial include:

- Am I eligible for the clinical trial?
- What is the name of the study physician? Who is funding the clinical trial? What are the credentials and experience of the research team?
- What is the study intervention and what are the procedures or tests that will be involved?
- What treatments will I get during the trial, how will they be administered and how often will they be administered? If I'm on treatments now, how are they different or will I have to change my current treatment?
- How many appointments will I have during the study and how long will they be? Will someone need to accompany me to my appointments?
- Will I need to fill out a diary, surveys, etc.?
- Who will I see during the clinical trial? Will I see my own doctor still?
- Is there a chance I might receive a placebo? What happens in terms of randomization?
- What are possible benefits and risks (including long-lasting ones such as reproductive risks)?
- When will the clinical trial start and how long will it last?
- How many people will be in the clinical trial?
- Do I need to pay for any part of the clinical trial?
- Will I need to travel? If I do, how far and how often and will I be reimbursed for travel, parking, and related costs?
- How will my participation in a clinical trial affect my spouse, children, or family members?
- What other choices are there for me if I choose not to participate in the clinical trial?
- Who do I contact during the clinical trial if I have any questions or issues?
- What happens if I want to leave the clinical trial before it's finished?
- If the treatment is beneficial, can I stay on it after the trial is finished? If there is no benefit to the clinical trial, what happens then?
- Will there be any short term or long term follow up after the clinical trial, and if so, by whom?
- Will results from the clinical trial be shared with me?

As you are asking questions about the clinical trial, you may wish to consider how participation might impact your normal routine. Understanding the commitment that you will need to make to the clinical trial and how this will affect your day to day activities will help you make your decision.