

Before Participating in a Clinical Trial

Questions to Ask Your Doctor

1. What is the purpose of the study?
2. Why do researchers believe the new treatment being tested may be effective? Has it been tested before?
3. What is the researcher's reason for doing the trial? Is he/she receiving payment for each research subject's participation?
4. How long will the trial last?
5. Where will information from the study go?
6. What other options or choices do I have if I decide not to participate?
7. What is likely to happen to me with or without this treatment?
8. What tests and treatments does the study involve? Will I be hospitalized?
9. What are the short-term and long-term risks and benefits of this trial? What are the possible side effects? How do these compare to my current treatments?
10. How will the trial affect my daily life?
11. Could my condition become worse during the study? What will happen if it does?
12. If I am harmed as a result of the research, what treatment would I receive?
13. What do you do to monitor patient safety throughout the trial?
14. What type of long-term follow up care is part of the study?
15. Who will pay for the treatment and all other expenses related to the study?
16. How can I end my participation in the study if I change my mind?
17. Whom do I contact for questions and information about the study?