

# Answers about CLINICAL TRIALS

Clinical trials are important studies that help us find better ways to prevent, diagnose, and treat cancer. Here are answers to common questions.

**Q: ARE TRIALS ONLY FOR PEOPLE WITH NO OTHER TREATMENT OPTION?**

**A:** No. Studies test new drugs or drug combinations for many types and stages of cancer. The goal is to find better treatments and improve the quality of life for all people with cancer. Any patient who meets the requirements can take part.

**Q: ONCE YOU HAVE SIGNED UP, CAN YOU EVER CHANGE YOUR MIND?**

**A:** Yes. Being on a clinical trial is always your choice. Talk with your doctor if you want to stop at any time and for any reason.

**Q: ARE SOME PATIENTS GIVEN JUST A PLACEBO THAT DOESN'T TREAT THE DISEASE?**

**A:** No. No one is ever given only a placebo. Every patient in a cancer clinical trial gets at least the current best course of treatment for that disease.

**Q: ARE CLINICAL TRIALS SAFE?**

**A:** Yes. But clinical trials have risks, like any medical treatment. Patient safety is the top priority. Doctors closely monitor every patient throughout the study.

# *How to be part of* CLINICAL TRIALS

Patient participants are essential to clinical trials. Ask your doctor if a clinical trial is right for you. Each study accepts patients with a specific type and stage of cancer. In general, you must meet these conditions:

- Doctors have diagnosed and checked the stage of your cancer.
- A doctor has reviewed your general health, and your health meets study requirements.
- We have answered all your questions about the clinical trial.
- You understand the possible benefits and risks of participating in a clinical trial.
- You have signed and submitted your informed consent form.

Before you decide to take part in a clinical trial, doctors and research teams will tell you all of the known benefits and risks. The team closely watches the health and safety of every patient.

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