

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT Clinical Trials

Will my doctor find clinical trials that I qualify for?

Doctors may recommend clinical trials to you, but you can also look for opportunities. Ask your doctor or view clinical trials online:

WHAT IS A CLINICAL TRIAL?

Clinical trials are volunteer research studies that try to find new ways to prevent, diagnose, or treat a disease, like cancer.

[HUNTSMANCANCER.ORG/CLINICALTRIALS](https://www.huntsman.org/clinicaltrials)

What is an informed consent document?

This document tells you the purpose, steps, known risks, and possible benefits of the clinical trial. These are included so that you have a good idea what the clinical trial will look like and you can decide if it is right for you.



After I sign an informed consent document, can I get out of the clinical trial? You can stop a clinical trial at any time.

What are placebos?

A placebo, or “sugar pill,” is a treatment that does not affect the patient. A patient in a clinical trial will always get the highest level of care.



Are clinical trials only for people that have no other treatment options?

Clinical trials are for anyone who meets the trial’s criteria, regardless of their treatment options. You and your care team can talk about whether you would need to adjust your current treatment plan to account for a clinical trial.



Does health insurance cover clinical trials?

Health insurance companies cannot limit or deny coverage of routine costs to patients who join an approved clinical trial. They cannot increase the cost of coverage because a patient is in an approved clinical trial. If you are interested in a clinical trial, check with your insurance company or contact Huntsman Cancer Institute to speak with a financial advocate. Find more information at

**[HUNTSMANCANCER.ORG/
FINANCIALSERVICES](https://www.huntsman-cancer.org/financialservices)**

Do clinical trials have negative side effects?

Any clinical trial may have negative side effects. Be sure to read the informed consent document before beginning a clinical trial.

Where are clinical trials done?



Hospitals



Clinics



Universities

Why should I consider participating?

Every cancer treatment we use today started as a clinical trial. Clinical trials add to our knowledge about medicine and care, helping everyone else around you.



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