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Learn more about clinical trials and how to participate

Clinical trials (or research studies) are a type of medical research in which people **volunteer** to take part. Clinical trials commonly study how potential medicines and other medical treatments affect the participants. All medicines and vaccines that become available today for use in patients are first tested in clinical trials involving hundreds to thousands of people.

Race, ethnicity, age, and sex can all impact how different people respond to the same medicine or vaccine. This is why **diversity** among clinical trial participants is so important. The more diverse a group of clinical trial participants, the more we can learn about the safety and efficacy of a potential medicine or vaccine for people who have characteristics like those of the participants.

People are sometimes concerned that if they enroll in a clinical trial, they might receive a placebo (a pill/liquid that contains no medicine). Actually, placebos are rarely used in cancer clinical trials. When they are used, they are usually combined with the standard treatment you would receive if you weren't in the trial.[1]

If you are considering participation in a clinical trial, you will be told whether it involves use of a placebo. Unless a particular cancer has no available treatment, you will always receive an active treatment in a cancer clinical trial.[1]

Participating in a clinical trial may be an option for you but you should always ask your doctors where clinical trials might fit in the treatment of your disease. **The decision to join a clinical trial is personal, and it is yours.**

You might still have questions about clinical trials which is why we've gathered the useful resources listed below to help.

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Understanding Clinical Trials

- What are Clinical Trials? · Are Cancer Clinical Trials Right for You? · Why is Diversity Important in Clinical Trials? · The Importance of Diversity in Clinical Trials Booklet | Cancer Support Community
- The Role of Clinical Trials in Your Cancer Treatment | CancerCare
- Oncology Clinical Trials: Is It a Choice for You? | Academy of Oncology Nurse & Patient Navigators (AONN+)
- Stand Up To Cancer Resources Toolkit | Stand Up To Cancer

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