

Questions to ask your doctor

Talking with your doctor is an essential step in deciding if clinical trials are a good option for you. Here are some suggested questions to help make those discussions productive. The answers and explanations your doctor provides will help you make the most informed decision about what's best for you. If helpful, you can print a copy and take important notes during your discussion.

Notes

What are the phases of clinical trials and how are they different? What phase is this trial?

Why is this clinical trial right for me? What does this clinical trial provide for my particular circumstance that's different than the current standard of care?

What are the risks of clinical trials and how are they addressed?

What is informed consent? How do I find out complete information about this trial?

If I choose to participate in this trial, what will be required of me? How many visits, how often, what tests, treatments, travel

What if I change my mind about participating in a clinical trial?

What are the costs? Will I have to pay for this or is it covered by my insurance?

Do some clinical trial participants receive a placebo? Is there a chance I'll receive a placebo?

