



Questions to Ask Your Healthcare Provider Before Joining a Clinical Trial

Before joining a clinical trial, you should understand the purpose of the study, what treatment is being studied, the duration, required procedures, who may or may not be eligible to participate, key contacts, and potential risks and benefits of the study. You should meet with the clinical trial's research coordinator/team. You may meet with them privately, or ask a family member or friend to be there. Here are some key questions you may want to ask before you join the trial. There may be other questions that you would like answered. Please write these down and add them to this list.

1. What is the purpose of this clinical trial?
2. What is the treatment being studied in this trial?
3. How does this treatment differ from the regular treatment or standard care?
4. What is known about the new treatment? Has it been studied before?
5. How is the treatment given?
6. What are the possible side effects if I take part in a trial?
7. What other treatments are available if I don't take part in this trial?
8. Will I have any extra tests?
9. Do I need to come to the hospital/clinic /office more often?
10. Will my family doctor be informed?
11. What happens when the clinical trial stops?
12. What if something goes wrong?
13. Who is funding the research? Will I have any extra costs?
14. What happens to the information gathered for the trial?
15. Who can I contact if I have any questions or concerns?

Other Questions: _____

