

What should I ask the trial doctor...

When you first contact the clinical trial center, you should find out as much as possible about the trial. The questions below will help you gather all the information you need to make an informed decision about whether to take part. Some of these questions will also be answered by trial documentation, such as the informed consent form.

You can print out this PDF and use it to record all the answers you get from the trial doctor. Please note that not all questions will apply to every clinical trial.

...in general?



- How long would I be in the trial?
- What is being investigated in the trial?

...about the trial drugs, devices, or procedures?



- What are the possible trial drugs, devices, or procedures that I might receive while taking part in the trial?
- How will it be decided which trial drug, device, or procedure I receive? Will I know which one I'm receiving?
- Why do researchers think the investigational drug, device, or procedure being tested might work? Has it been tested in other clinical trials?
- What are the side effects of the investigational drug, device, or procedure? How do the side effects compare with those of the standard treatment(s)?
- What are my other treatment options? How does the investigational drug, device, or procedure compare with those?

...about what happens while I'm in the trial?



- What kinds of tests and assessments will I have while I'm in the trial? What does each of these involve?
- How often will I have to visit the clinical trial center? How will I get to the clinical trial center? Will I be reimbursed for my travel expenses?
- How will the trial affect my day-to-day life?
- Is hospitalization a requirement of the trial? If so, how often and for how long?
- Will taking part cost me anything? If so, how much? Will my health insurance pay for it?

...about what happens after I finish the trial?



- What will happen to me after I finish the clinical trial?
- If the investigational drug, device, or procedure works well for me, will I be able to continue taking it after I finish the trial?
- Will the results of the trial be given to me? If yes, then when?

Other notes

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