



Questions to ask my doctor

It is important that you have a conversation with your doctor about your interest in participating in a clinical trial. The following list of questions may help you start your conversation with your doctor.

Tips to help you start a conversation with your doctor about clinical trials:

If you are going to speak to your doctor about trials, it might help if you:

- Take a family member or friend with you for support.
- Plan what you would like to ask before your visit – but don't hesitate to ask new questions while you are there!
- Write your questions down, to help you remember them when you are with the doctor.
- Use your phone or a tape recorder to record what the doctor has said.

Questions about a specific clinical trial:

- What is the purpose of this clinical trial and why is it being done?
- Why do researchers think this approach will be effective?
- Who is running this trial?
- How is the safety of participants being checked in this trial?
- What will happen to the results of this trial?
- What responsibilities will I have on this clinical trial?

Personal issues:

- How could being in this trial affect my daily life outside of this trial?
- Will I be able to talk to other people who are participating in this clinical trial?
- Is participating in this clinical trial free, including all the tests, treatment and travel costs?

Questions about participating in a specific clinical trial:

- How long will I be on this clinical trial?
- How often will I need to visit the hospital or clinic if I join this trial?
- Where will I receive my care if I join this clinical trial?
- What types of therapies, procedures and /or tests would I expect to have if I choose to join this clinical trial?
- How are these different to what I would have if I didn't join the trial?
- Will I need to see a different doctor if I join this clinical trial?
- What are the possible benefits of joining this clinical trial?
- What are the possible risks of joining this clinical trial?

