



Clinical Trials Preparation Checklist: General Questions About the Trial

As you consider adding clinical trials to your cancer care plan, being prepared can help make the process less intimidating. Some people create a list of questions to ask the trial providers before the trial starts. If you are considering participating in a trial, it may help you to review this list of general questions and see if any of these relate to your situation. This is a place to start. You may feel too overwhelmed to start a list right away. Please remember you can revisit this at any time and prepare your own list if you want, when you are ready.

Trial purpose:

What is the purpose of the study—is it to determine the effectiveness of a new drug or a new combination of drugs/treatment?

Who is the sponsor of the study?

Who has reviewed and approved the study?

Trial process and procedures:

What kinds of therapies, procedures and/or tests will I have during the trial?

How long will the trial last?

How will the trial affect my current treatment plan and daily life?

Will I be taken off my current treatment plan or will I continue to take my regular medications while in the trial?

Trial location and monitoring:

Where will I receive my cancer care and who will be in charge of my care?

If the person in charge of my cancer care during the trial is different from the doctor from whom I receive my current care, what will be the communication/interaction between the two?

How are study results and participant safety being checked while the study is underway?

Trial risks and benefits:

What are the benefits to my treatment offered by this particular trial?

Are there any potential side effects or risks connected to this particular trial?

Trial communication:

Who do I call if I have questions about the trial once I am enrolled?

How can I drop out of the trial if I don't like it or change my mind?

Trial costs:

Will my insurance cover the costs of my participation?

Will I have any out of pocket expenses?