

CLINICAL TRIALS: QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

Asking questions and communicating with the Principal Investigator and Study Coordinator will help you feel confident in your decision to join a clinical trial. Here are some questions you might want to ask:

What is the main purpose of this study?
Does the study involve a placebo or another treatment? What is known about the study medication and are any previous study results published?
How long is the study going to last and what will I be asked to do as a participant?
Do I have to pay for any part of the study? Will my insurance cover these costs? Is there any reimbursement for travel costs or childcare?
Will I be able to see my own doctor?
Will I receive any follow-up care after the study has ended? If the study medication works for me, can I keep using it after the study?
Can anyone find out whether I'm participating in the clinical trial?
What will happen to my medical care if I stop participating in the study?
Does the study doctor/investigator have any financial or special interest in the clinical study?
What are the credentials and research experience of the study doctor and study staff?