

Questions to Ask Your Doctor or Nurse about Clinical Trials

- Is there a study that might be right for me?
 - Why is the study being done?
 - How might it help me?
 - What will happen to my cancer if I take part in the study? What will happen to my cancer without this study?
 - What were the results of any prior studies of this treatment?
 - What other treatments could I get if I don't take part in the study? What are the risks and side effects of that treatment?

- If I join the study:
 - How am I protected?
 - What tests and treatments are in the study?
 - Will I continue to see my current doctor, or will I be seeing a different one (or both)?
 - What effect(s) will the study have on my daily activities? Will I still be able to work or go to school?
 - Will I have to be in the hospital?
 - What are the possible risks or side effects for me?
 - How do the risks and side effects of other treatment options compare with the study?
 - Will my insurance cover being in the study?
 - Will there be extra costs because of the study?
 - How will I be checked after the study?