

10 Questions to Ask Your Doctor About Clinical Trials

If you're considering a clinical trial, having an open conversation with your doctor is an important first step. Bringing a list of questions can help you feel more prepared, confident, and informed.

1 Are there any clinical trials that might be right for me?

Ask whether trials are available based on your specific diagnosis, stage, markers, and treatment history.

2 What is the goal of this clinical trial?

Is the trial testing a new treatment, a combination of therapies, or something else, like quality of life or managing symptoms?

3 How does this trial treatment compare to my current or standard treatment options?

Understanding the differences can help you weigh whether a trial is the right path.

4 What are the possible benefits for me?

What outcomes are researchers hoping for?

5 What are the potential risks or side effects?

Make sure you understand both known side effects and any unknowns.

6 What phase is the clinical trial in?

Knowing whether it's an early- or late-phase trial can give you insight into how much is already known about the treatment and experience.

7 How long is the trial, and what would participation involve on a day-to-day basis?

Ask about time commitment, number of visits, tests, and any travel requirements.

8 What happens if the treatment doesn't work for me?

Will I have other options, and can I leave the trial?

9 What costs are covered, and what will I or my insurance need to pay?

Understanding the financial aspect upfront can help avoid surprises.

10 How will this trial affect my quality of life?

This includes side effects, time demands, and how treatment may impact your daily routine.



You can print this page and use it as a guide during your appointment.