What is a placebo?

A placebo is something that looks like the real medical treatment being studied in a clinical trial, except it looks like a fake or dummy treatment. Placebos are commonly used in clinical trials as a form of control to help measure the effectiveness of the treatment being studied.

How long will the trial last?

The length of a clinical trial can vary widely, depending on the objectives of the study. Some trials can be as short as a few days or weeks, while others may last several months or even years.

Where do I go for more information?

You can find more information about clinical trials by visiting the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation at www.crohnscolitisfoundation.org. You can also contact a clinical trials coordinator or speak with your healthcare provider for more information.

Are there any trials I could enter right for me?

Clinical trials are conducted in a series of steps, called phases. Each phase has its own eligibility criteria. It's important to work with a medical professional to determine if you qualify for a particular clinical trial.

Will I have to give blood or urine samples?

Depending on your eligibility, and the type of clinical trial, you may be asked to give blood or urine samples. These samples will be used to help researchers understand the effects of the treatment being studied.

Does participating in a clinical trial take the place of my regular doctor appointments?

No. Trial participation does not replace regular doctor appointments, but rather complements them. Patients participating in a clinical trial will continue to receive regular medical care from their healthcare provider.

What will I have to do if I take part?

In order to participate in a clinical trial, you'll have to complete a screening process to determine if you qualify. This could include answering questions about your medical history, having blood tests or scans, and meeting with a clinical trials coordinator. Once you've been accepted into the trial, you'll have regular visits to the clinical trial site to monitor your progress.

Will I have to give up my medications?

No. Trial participation does not require you to stop taking your medications, unless specifically instructed to do so.

What is informed consent?

Informed consent is the process by which you are provided with information about a clinical trial, and you agree to participate. This includes understanding the purpose of the trial, the procedures involved, the potential risks and benefits, and your right to withdraw from the trial at any time.

Can I drop out of the clinical trial?

Yes. Information that has been obtained from you during the course of the clinical trial may still be used for research purposes, even if you choose to withdraw from the trial.

How do I get involved in clinical trials?

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How often do I have to go to the clinic?

The frequency of visits to the clinical trial site will vary depending on the study. Some trials may require weekly or bi-weekly visits, while others may only require visits once or twice a month.

How often will I have to provide information?

The frequency of providing information will vary depending on the study. Some trials may require daily, weekly, or monthly updates, while others may only require monthly or quarterly updates.

Will participating in a clinical trial mean that I will be asked to discuss other patients' medical histories?

No. Trial participation does not mean that you will be asked to discuss other patients' medical histories. This information is confidential and will be used only for research purposes.

Can I participate in more than one clinical trial at a time?

It's possible to participate in more than one clinical trial at a time, as long as you meet the eligibility criteria for each study.

Will I receive any compensation for participating in a clinical trial?

In some cases, you may be paid for your time and inconvenience. However, compensation is not always available, and it's important to discuss this with the clinical trials coordinator.

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Are clinical trials free of cost to me?

No. Trial participation often covers some costs, such as travel, lodging, and medical expenses. However, it's important to discuss this with the clinical trials coordinator.

I cannot afford my current medication. Can I participate in a clinical trial?

Yes. Information that has been obtained from you during the course of the clinical trial may still be used for research purposes, even if you choose to withdraw from the trial.

How much of my personal information will be shared?

Information that has been obtained from you during the course of the clinical trial may be shared with other researchers for research purposes.

Can I rely on the results of the clinical trial?

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How will I know if I'm eligible for a clinical trial?

In order to participate in a clinical trial, you must meet the eligibility criteria. This includes having a specific diagnosis (such as Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis), and being in a certain phase of your disease (such as moderate to severe disease).

Am I at risk for side effects?

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What will happen if I receive the placebo?

The purpose of the placebo is to help researchers understand the fairness of the trial. Placebos are commonly used in clinical trials as a form of control to help measure the effectiveness of the treatment being studied.

What will I be asked to do during the trial?

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Will I be asked to do anything different if I receive a medication?

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