



WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN PARTICIPATING IN A CLINICAL TRIAL

SCREENING

If you are interested in participating in a clinical trial, you must complete a clinical trial participant form to add your name to the list of potential trial participants.

If your information matches the trial's needs, you will have an initial screening call. During this call, you may be asked about **your health, medications, and possibly your lifestyle.**

After this phone call, if you meet the eligibility criteria for the study, you will be given more details about the trial.

STARTING THE TRIAL

Once you sign the informed consent, your **full medical history** will be taken and a **physical examination** completed. You may also have blood tests and imaging studies done at the first visit.

INFORMED CONSENT

Before beginning a clinical trial, you must be given key facts about the clinical trial. The details of the trial are discussed, including the **length, purpose, required procedures and treatments, risks and benefits, alternative treatments, and who to contact if you have any questions.** If you want to participate you must sign the informed consent document. Nothing can be done until you sign this document.

Even after you sign the consent, you have the right to drop out of the clinical trial at any time.



DURING THE STUDY

Your clinical trial visits will most likely feel just like any other doctor's visit, but you will probably visit the trial site more often. You may also have examinations and tests done more frequently to see how you are **responding to the treatment or if you are experiencing any treatment-related problems**. You will also be asked about any side effects or problems you are experiencing at each visit.



COMPLETION OF THE TRIAL

Once the trial is completed, all of the data collected are **analyzed by doctors and biostatisticians**. The data can then be shared in medical journals and at scientific meetings. It may also be submitted to the FDA if approval for a new treatment is being sought.

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