Myths about clinical trials

**MYTH**
I may not get treatment if I enter a clinical trial.

**FACT**
You will always get the best treatment available. If you do not get the trial treatment, you will get an available treatment recommended for your diagnosis.

**MYTH**
The trial treatment is untested and dangerous.

**FACT**
Clinical trials are controlled to be as safe as possible. Research begins in the lab, then goes to trials that happen in phases. Early trials have small groups and limited doses. The treatment moves to the next phase if evidence shows it works and is safe.

**MYTH**
I don't know what I will be taking.

**FACT**
In some trials you do not know which treatment you will get, but you will know which are possible and if they have side effects.

**MYTH**
Clinical trials are a last resort.

**FACT**
Clinical trials are a good choice at any stage of breast cancer. New treatments may work better or have fewer side effects. Clinical trials have made treatment more effective and less painful for all stages and types of breast cancer.