



Getting Care in Clinical Trials

Clinical trials are used to study new treatments that could work better or have fewer side effects than treatments available now. Here are four things to know if you are considering treatment through a clinical trial:

An independent review board will closely watch how the new treatment does during your trial. If the treatment has bad side effects or is not working better than other treatments already being used, they will end the trial.

In certain trials, some people will not get the treatment being tested. If you are in this group, you will be given the best treatment approved for use now, the same care you would likely be given if you did not join a clinical trial.

Your care will still be watched by a doctor. No matter how well the trial goes, if the treatment does not work for you, your doctors will recommend changing to a different medicine.

Remember, you always have the right to choose your treatment. In joining a clinical trial, you choose to trust your treatment to researchers to help study a new option, but you may leave a trial at any point, for any reason.

What questions do you have about clinical trials? Write here to bring to your doctor: _____
