



LIVING BEYOND BREAST CANCER®

PRACTICAL CONCERNS



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.

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