

# Questions to Ask Before Participating in a Clinical Trial

For people considering participation in a clinical trial, it is extremely important to learn as much as possible about the clinical trial, the care expected, the cost, and the team that will be conducting the trial. It is expected that you will have questions, and essential that your questions are answered. It may be helpful to write down a list of questions to ask before meeting with a clinical trial research team.

## HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES:

### Purpose & Procedures

- What is the purpose of the clinical trial?
- If researchers are studying an investigational drug or treatment, why do they believe it will be effective for me?
- Who has reviewed and approved the study?
- How many people will be included in the study?
- Can I talk to other people who are participating in the study?
- What types of tests and medical procedures will be performed?
- Will the tests and procedures be the same for each study visit or will it change over time?
- How often will I have to visit the hospital or clinic? Will any of these visits require an overnight stay?
- Is there a chance of receiving a placebo?
- If the trial is successful, what will the results show?

### Potential Risks and Benefits

- What are the possible risks and benefits of participation?
- What are potential short-term and long-term side effects of this treatment?
- What steps will be taken to monitor my safety?
- Who will oversee my healthcare while participating?
- Will my healthcare records and study results be confidential?
- If the treatment works for me, can I keep using it after the trial ends?

### Practical Concerns

- Where will I receive my medical care?
- Will I be able to see my own health care team?
- Whom do I contact if I have questions during the trial?
- Will my treatment and care change if I join this study? If yes, how?
- Will the results of the clinical trial be available to participants?
- Who is paying for and supporting the study?
- Are there any costs associated with participation?
- If I participate in this clinical trial, will it prevent me from being part of another clinical trial in the future?

