

Navigating Breast Cancer Clinical Trials

Questions to Ask Your Doctor about Treatment Clinical Trials



Questions about the Trial

- What is the purpose of the trial?
- How long will I be in the trial?
- What kinds of tests and treatments are involved?
- How will the doctor know if the treatment is working?
- How long do I have to make up my mind about joining this trial?
- Who will be in charge of my care?
- Is there someone I can talk to who has been in the trial?



Questions about Risks and Benefits

- What are the possible side effects or risks of the new treatment?
- What are the possible benefits?
- How do the possible risks and benefits of this trial compare to those of the standard treatment?



Questions about Your Rights

- How will my health information be kept private?
- What happens if I decide to leave the trial?



Questions about Costs

- Which costs do I have to pay if I take part in the trial?
- What costs will my health insurance cover?
- Who can I talk with about costs and payments?



Questions about Daily Life

- How could the trial affect my daily life?
- How often will I have to come to the hospital or clinic?
- Will I have to stay in the hospital during the clinical trial? If so, how often and for how long?
- How far will I need to travel to take part in the trial?
- Will I have check-ups after the trial?



Questions about Comparing Choices

- What are my other treatment choices, including standard treatments?
- How does the treatment I would receive in this trial compare with the other treatment choices?
- What will happen to my cancer without treatment?