

OhioHealth Cancer Research

Clinical Trials

According to national best practice, the best management of a cancer patient may include participation in a clinical trial.

(National Comprehensive Cancer Network, 2016)

Nearly all modern cancer treatment has developed as a result of clinical trials and research. This is how treatments that were once experimental become standards of care. There are many laws and processes in place to protect your rights and health. Thousands of people are helped each year because they decided to take part in a clinical trial. Millions more benefit from others taking part in clinical trials.

Our physicians encourage all eligible cancer patients to participate in a clinical trial. Clinical trials, also known as research studies, are designed to find answers to specific health questions. They often look at new:

- + Drugs or a combination of drugs.
- + Surgical procedures or devices.
- + Ways to use existing treatments, such as radiation therapy.
- + Ways to help with the side effects of treatment and improve one's quality of life.

OhioHealth actively participates in regional, national and international research networks. Our comprehensive cancer research program offers the newest treatments and therapies, putting us at the forefront of cancer care. Benefits may include better management of your symptoms, improved quality of life, cancer prevention and improved survival. Each patient is assigned a clinical trials team member to guide them through treatment.

Who conducts clinical trials?

Clinical trials are carried out by a team of healthcare experts who are dedicated to connecting you with the latest advances in cancer care.

Key team members include:

- + Your **physician**, who oversees your care and treatment throughout your study.
- + Your **nurse or research coordinator**, who helps manage your care, provides information about the study, assists you in managing any symptoms and collects information about how the treatment affects you.
- + **You**, the most vital and important part of the team. Your participation and cooperation will enable us to make advances in treatment that can be of great benefit for years to come.

Who can participate in a clinical trial?

Your eligibility to participate in a clinical trial will be evaluated by your physician. A clinical trial may be an option for you in combination with your current care plan.

What questions should I ask my physician if I am considering a clinical trial?

- + Is there a clinical trial that I may be eligible for?
- + What is the purpose of this clinical trial?
- + Has the treatment been used before?
- + Will I be able to get the treatment after the study is over?
- + What is my financial responsibility?

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Ask your physician or patient navigator for more information regarding clinical trials and your eligibility.