Questions to Ask Your Healthcare Team About Clinical Trials

- What risks can I expect from the trial?
- What phase is the trial in?
- Would I be the first to receive this new drug?
- What are the logistics for this trial, e.g. additional expenses, insurance coverage, location, etc.?
- What is it about my disease that makes a clinical trial a consideration?
- Write down your questions for your visits. All questions are important.

Phases of Clinical Trials

- **Phase I**: The goal is to test the safety of the drug, finding the appropriate dose that produces the fewest side effects.
- **Phase II**: Further assesses the safety of the drug and the effectiveness of the treatment.
- **Phase III**: Compares the efficacy of the new treatment to the standard-of-care treatment.
- **Phase IV**: Study that looks at drugs that have already been approved to get additional safety information and learn more about long-term benefits and side effects.

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- The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS): [lls.org](http://lls.org)
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- MyHealthTeams: [myhealthteam.com](http://myhealthteam.com)
- National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD): [rarediseases.org](http://rarediseases.org)
- Stand Up To Cancer: [standuptocancer.org](http://standuptocancer.org)

Glossary Terms

**Double-Blind Study**: Clinical trial in which neither the participants nor the researcher knows which intervention participants are receiving until the end of the clinical trial, reducing the likelihood of biased results.

**Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)**: A set of national rules that help protect the privacy of a patient’s personal medical information, provide patients with access to their medical records, and help people get health insurance for themselves and their family members.

**Placebo**: An inactive drug or treatment with no therapeutic benefit.

**Stem Cell Transplant**: Also called a bone marrow transplant, is a procedure in which healthy blood stem cells are used to replace damaged or diseased bone marrow. This procedure can be used to treat certain types of blood cancers.

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