Clinical Trials
A Pathfinder

The Learning Center provides materials for information and convenience only. They are not to be substituted for medical advice. Medical information is often controversial and continually changes. Please talk to your doctor about your specific concerns.

The Learning Center provides a wide range of materials, and each location has different resources. Please call ahead to learn which location has the resources you need.

To learn more or ask questions, please call, email or visit The Learning Center.

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No single, comprehensive listing of clinical trials exists. We suggest you educate yourself about the advantages and disadvantages of participating in a clinical trial, talk with your doctor and use Internet resources to locate possible protocols. The Cancer Information Service (800-4-CANCER) can also be helpful. Trained specialists help callers determine whether they are eligible for various protocols.

Pamphlets

Clinical Trials at MD Anderson: Is a clinical trial the right treatment for you? The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. 2011.
If You Have Cancer and Have Medicare: You Should Know about Clinical Trials. 2009.
Taking Part in Cancer Treatment Research Studies. National Cancer Institute. 2007.

Books

Cancer Clinical Trials: Experimental Treatments & How They Can Help You. Finn R. QZ 266 F514c 1999.

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Chasing Medical Miracles: The Promise and Perils of Clinical Trials. O'Meara A. QV 771 O55c 2009.
Clinical Trials: What Patients and Healthy Volunteers Need to Know. Speid L. QV 771 S742c 2010.
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Informed Consent: A Guide to the Risks and Benefits of Volunteering for Clinical Trials. Getz K, Borfitz D. W 20.55 .H9 G394i 2002.
Making the Decision: The Cancer Patient's Guide to Clinical Trials. Mulay M. QZ 267 M954m 2002.
Researching Clinical Trials. Pages 148-180. In: Making Informed Medical Decisions. Oster N, Thomas L, Joseff D. W 85 O85M 2000.

Video

Clinical Trials at MD Anderson: What You Need to Know. The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. QZ 206 DVD 3800 2007.
Curing Cancer: Understanding Clinical Trials. Krichmar P, Lerner E, Lerner AC. QV 771 DVD 1092 2006.
Understanding Cancer Clinical Trials. National Cancer Institute. QZ 206 DVD 8322 2007.

Websites

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center Clinical Trials Page
http://www.clinicaltrials.org
Find open MD Anderson trials listed by type of cancer, treatment, study number and doctor name.

Clinicaltrials.gov – National Institutes of Health
http://clinicaltrials.gov/
This site emphasizes trials sponsored by the National Institutes of Health. It includes NCI trials, some international trials and trials sponsored by other federal agencies and the pharmaceutical industry.

NCI Clinical Trials Database
http://www.cancer.gov/clinicaltrials
From this site you can learn about clinical trials, read about results from recent clinical trials and find open and closed clinical trials.

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CenterWatch: Clinical Trials Listing Service
http://www.centerwatch.com/clinical-trials/listings/
This site lists industry-sponsored trials for all types of health conditions. You can use this site to search for clinical trials by therapeutic area and geographic region. It includes an extensive list of clinical trials being conducted internationally. The website also lists promising therapies newly approved by the Food and Drug Administration. This site also offers a clinical trial email notification service.

EmergingMed.com, Inc.
http://www.emergingmed.com
This is a matching and referral system for private and government funded cancer clinical trials.

Coalition of National Cooperative Groups, Inc.
http://www.cancertrialshelp.org
From this site you can search for clinical trials and read about patients' clinical trial experiences.

Current Controlled Trials
http://controlled-trials.com/mrct/
This site allows you to search for randomized, controlled trials from many nations and agencies, and it covers all health care areas.

National Cancer Institute of Canada Clinical Trials Group
http://www.ctg.queensu.ca/public/Clinical_Trials/clinical_trials.html
The NCIC CTG is a cooperative oncology group that carries out clinical trials in cancer therapy, supportive care and prevention across Canada and other nations. This site shows Canadian clinical trials in progress plus results of completed studies.

European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC)
http://www.eortc.org/clinical-trials
The *Protocols Database* can be used to search for European trials.

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