

# PLEASE ASK US ABOUT CANCER CLINICAL TRIALS



**Understanding clinical research studies may be confusing and stressful. Asking questions helps you better understand and make decisions. It is hard to know what questions to ask, so we provide some examples you may wish to ask your doctor. You may also have questions of your own that you can write over the page.**

## **What is a clinical trial?**

- What is this clinical research study about?
- What are doctors hoping to get out of this study?
- What kind of people are the doctors looking for and why?
- What other studies am I eligible for?
- If I do not participate in the trial, what other treatments am I eligible for?
- Have there ever been any problems with clinical research studies?
- Who pays for clinical research studies?
- Who do I go to with questions or concerns?

## **Where do study results go?**

- What happens with the study results?
- Are the results made public?
- If I take part, will I get a copy of the results?

## **What happens to my personal information?**

- How is my privacy protected?
- What will be done with my results?
- Who will see the information I give?
- What happens to my information if I stop participating in the study?

## **What will happen to me if I take part?**

- What are the benefits of taking part?
- Have the benefits of study treatments been proven in people like me?
- What will I get out of this study?

- What is already known about this treatment?
- What are the risks of this treatment?
- Am I treated the same as everyone else in the study?
- What kinds of treatments are offered in this study?
- Will I know which treatment I am getting?
- If there is a beneficial study treatment and I am not receiving it, how do I get it?
- What do I have to do in this study?
- How much of my time will be needed?
- Will I need to do any extra tests or procedures?
- Can I stop participating in the study at any time if I change my mind?
- Can I have alternative therapies if I am part of this study?
- Can I continue to use the trial medicine after the study has finished?

My Questions:

My Notes:

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**The Australian Charter of Healthcare Rights** describes the rights of all people who use the Australian healthcare system. Copies of the charter in community languages are available near the main entrance of all Western Health hospitals, or ask a staff member or volunteer.

For more information, visit [www.patientcharter.health.vic.gov.au](http://www.patientcharter.health.vic.gov.au) or call 1800 136 066.



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