

Questions to Ask About Participating in Clinical Research



This tool is intended to help you determine whether or not participating in a clinical research study is right for you. The questions below may serve as a helpful guide when discussing the research study with the study coordinator. Add any other questions or concerns you may have.

What is the main purpose of the research study?
How long will the research study last?
Who will be in charge of my care during the research study?
Where is the research study being conducted?

What procedures, drugs, or devices will be used, and how will they be used?
How might participating in the research study affect my daily life?
Will hospitalization be required during the research study?
How will the safety of study participants be monitored?
Are there any risks involved in this research study? Explain the risks.
What are the possible benefits of participating in this research study?

What alternative treatments are available in addition to what is being tested in the research study?
Who is paying for the research study?
Do I have to pay for any part of the research study?
Will I be reimbursed for other expenses?
What happens if I am harmed by the research study?
Can I choose to receive the procedure, drug or device even after the research study ends?

Other questions you wish to ask:

For more information:

- University of Michigan Depression Center
- 1-800-475-MICH or 734-936-4400
- http://www.depressioncenter.org/toolkit

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