

QUESTIONS TO ASK THE RESEARCH TEAM

Volunteering to be in a research study is an important decision. Some common questions are listed below to help you get ready for the discussion you will have with the researchers. Not all of the questions apply to every study.

Remember: You have the right to get all your questions answered. If you do not understand the answer, ask the question again.



Questions That Apply to Most Research Studies

- What is the purpose of the study?
- Who is doing the study?
- How long will the study last?
- Who has reviewed and approved the study?
- What tests and procedures will be done in the study?
- How will this study affect my daily life? What will happen to me?
- If I change my mind how do I end my participation in the study?
- Will I be paid to be in the study? Will I be reimbursed for any expenses?
- Who will know I am taking part in this study? Who will see my medical record?
- What will happen to me at the end of the study?
- Will I be told the results of the study?
- Whom do I contact for questions and information about the study?

Questions That Apply to Most Treatment Studies

- Has the study treatment been tested in humans? If so, what was learned?
- Is there a real and fake (placebo) treatment? Do I get to know what I'm getting?
- What are the possible effects of the treatment?
- What is the standard care for my condition?
- Are there other treatments available for my condition?
- Who will be in charge of my care?
- Will my health insurance cover any of the costs? What will I have to pay?
- How long will I receive the treatment?
- Can I choose to stay on the treatment after the study ends?
- What happens if I am harmed by the study treatment?
- Will I be able to take my regular medications?