

## Questions to Ask When Considering Enrolment in a Clinical Trial

What is the main purpose of this study?

Why do researchers believe the intervention being tested might be effective? Why might it not be effective? Has it been tested before? What has been learned about the intervention so far? Are any study results published?

What are the possible interventions that I might receive during the trial? Does the study involve a placebo or a treatment that is already on the market? How will the treatment be given to me?

How will it be determined which interventions I receive (for example, by chance)? Who will know which intervention I receive during the trial? Will I know? Will members of the research team know?

How do the possible risks, side effects, and benefits of this trial compare with those of my current treatment?

How long is the study going to last and what will I be asked to do as a participant? What tests and procedures are involved?

How often will I have to visit the hospital or clinic? Will hospitalization be required?

Who will pay for my participation? Do I have to pay for any part of the study? Will my insurance cover these costs? Is there any reimbursement for travel costs or childcare? Will I be reimbursed for other expenses?

What type of long-term follow-up care is part of this trial? Will I receive any follow-up care after the study has ended?

What will happen to my medical care during the study? Will I be able to see my own doctor? What happens if I stop participating in the study?

If I benefit from the intervention, will I be allowed to continue receiving it after the trial ends?

Will results of the study be provided to me? When? How?

Who will oversee my medical care while I am participating in the trial? What are the credentials and research experience of the physician and study staff? Does the physician/investigator have any financial or special interest in the clinical study?

What are my options if I am injured during the study?

How will my data be used after the study?