

How to Volunteer for a Clinical Trial

You can find and participate as a volunteer for a clinical trial by:

- Searching online for clinical studies on websites of government agencies, university medical facilities, patient groups and local or national disease associations resources for information about clinical studies: clinicalresearch.com; clinicaltrials.gov; health.nih.gov; ccfa.org
- Ask your doctor he/she may be able to refer you to a clinical study recruiting for participants
- Look for ads about clinical studies in newspapers and on TV and radio

If you decide to take part in a clinical study read the Informed Consent Form and ask questions about

- Purpose of the study, the type of investigational medication, and study procedures
- Duration of the study
- Location of the research facility, transportation, parking
- Costs if participate in the study or any compensation for travel, parking and time
- Potential discomforts/risks or benefits of participating in the study

Do you qualify for a “Study Patient”?

Each study and its population is different, but after you read, understand, and sign the Informed Consent Form everyone has to go through a comprehensive “Screening Process” and each potential patient receives at our facility the same high level of care during this period and if eligible during the study. You will be asked about your medical history, current medications, a copy of your medical records for review and you will go through preliminary screening exams and study-specific diagnostic tests. The goal of the screening process is to ensure that you are a suitable patient for the study in question.

You may or may not receive any therapeutic benefit from participating in clinical studies. You will receive free comprehensive physical exams, study-specific diagnostic tests, free medication or placebo, maybe some financial compensation for travel and parking. You may find it to be a rewarding experience for personal satisfaction and new medical knowledge which might help in the future to you or others.

We are now recruiting for active Clinical Trials for **Crohn's Disease, Ulcerative Colitis, and IBS (Irritable Bowel Syndrome)**. To see if you are eligible to take part please contact:

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