

Is it right for us?

Things to consider when joining a clinical trial

In order to make an informed decision about whether or not to join a clinical trial, it is advisable to find out as much about the trial as possible

- What the treatment is and how it works
- Whether the treatment has been tested before, and what the findings were
- How the treatment will be given, for example, as tablets/medicine or an injection/infusion
- Whether any participants will receive a placebo
- How the investigators hope the treatment will help those in the trial
- Possible side effects and/or risks
- How the possible benefits and side effects compare with current treatment
- Who is running the trial
- Who is paying for the trial
- How the trial will be run
- Where the trial will be run
- How long the trial will run for
- What is required of the person taking part in the trial. For example:
 - The number of visits to the hospital or local clinic
 - Whether time off school or work will be needed
 - What sort of procedures will be done e.g. blood tests, lumbar punctures (spinal taps), medical imaging (x-rays, CT scans)
- Whether any expenses will be paid for (e.g. travel costs)
- When and how the results of the trial will be shared with participants
- Whether it is possible to continue on the treatment after the trials finishes.

You can discuss these questions with the clinical trial team and/or your usual treating team.