What Should I Know to Participate in a Clinical Trial?

Before you join a clinical trial, the people running the trial will explain the clinical trial in detail, including the possible risks and benefits that you may have while participating in the trial and they will also review your rights as a participant. The study staff will be ready to answer all of your questions about the clinical trial.

If you agree to participate in the clinical trial, you will sign a form, called an informed consent form, before enrolling. By signing the informed consent form, you are saying that you understand what will happen in the clinical trial.

Once you are enrolled in the trial, you will begin attending study visits and take part in study procedures and evaluations on a regularly scheduled basis.

You’ll continue to see your regular health care provider while you are enrolled in a clinical trial.

Even if you sign the informed consent form you can leave the clinical trial at any time. Participation is voluntary. You can leave the study at any time, even before the study is over.