volunteering for a clinical trial

your guide to participating in an important research study
Over the past several years, a large and growing number of people want to learn more about clinical research and how to participate in a study. This pamphlet provides information about the clinical trials process and what it means for you to volunteer to participate in a clinical trial.

As a volunteer in a clinical trial, you are participating in the development of medical therapies—therapies that may offer better treatments and even cures for life-threatening and chronic diseases.

People volunteer to participate in a clinical trial for a number of reasons. You may get involved in a trial because you simply want to help in the advancement of science. Or you may be suffering from a disease for which a good treatment does not currently exist. You may join a clinical trial hoping to improve the medical care you receive. If you do not have health insurance, clinical trials are a way to receive study-related medical care.

Whatever reason, you may have questions about clinical trials and drug research. This pamphlet answers some of your questions. You should also ask your physician and your research center’s staff any questions before you volunteer. A list of common questions to ask is provided at www.centerwatch.com.

It’s important that you make an informed choice about volunteering for a clinical trial.
CenterWatch is a company providing patients and their advocates with a variety of information about clinical research. Our web site (www.centerwatch.com) provides an extensive list of clinical trials conducted throughout North America; many of these trials may be appropriate for your participation. Our web site also lists promising therapies newly approved by the FDA.

CenterWatch offers reports that patients and advocates can purchase. These reports focus on specific illnesses and offer in-depth information on clinical trials and new medical therapies.

**The CenterWatch Clinical Trials Listing Service™**
Lists 41,000 clinical trials actively seeking study volunteers (www.centerwatch.com).

**The New Medical Therapies Report Series**
Comprehensive information on clinical trials activity for specific medical conditions.

**A Word from Study Volunteers: Opinions and Experiences of Clinical Trial Participants**
An easy-to-read pamphlet in which more than 1,200 clinical research volunteers share their experiences and perspectives.

**The Directory of Drugs in Clinical Trials**
A reference book for consumers and professionals to identify and learn about several thousand drugs now in clinical trials.

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