

Checklist

What questions should I ask before volunteering?

You might find it helpful to ask questions about a clinical trial before deciding whether to take part. You can ask your doctor or nurse, or the investigators running the trial. Some helpful questions might include:

- What's the point of the trial? How will it help people?
- What's known already from previous research?
- Who reviewed and approved the trial?
- Who is taking part in it? Why do you want me to take part?
- How will this be different to the care I'm getting now and what are my options for treatment?
- If the trial is testing a drug, how often must I take it, when and for how long?
- Do you know anything about the potential *side effects*, risks or benefits?
- How will the trial affect my daily life?
- How often will I have to visit the clinic?
- How far will I have to travel and will I have to make all the arrangements?
- Will you give me food or drink if I've travelled a long way?
- What will happen at these visits? Will I have extra tests?
- What other medication can I take when I'm taking part in this trial?
- Will I get regular check-ups? What happens if my condition gets worse?
- What happens if something goes wrong?
- How long will the trial last?
- Who is running the trial?
- Will I be told about the progress of the trial as we go along?
- Will I be told about the results of the trial when it ends?
- Who is funding the trial?
- Will my expenses be paid e.g. for travel or childcare costs?
- Is there anything I'm not allowed to do while I'm taking part in the trial?
- Who will tell my GP that I'm on a trial?
- How will my personal information be kept confidential?
- Can I talk to other people taking part?
- Who can I talk to if I have any more questions? (There should be someone available throughout the trial who can answer any further questions you may have)
- What will happen if I do well on the trial treatment, and the trial has ended? Can I then continue?