

Questions to ask before joining a clinical trial

Bring this to your meeting with the trial coordinator. There are no wrong questions, take your time and write the answers down so you can review them later.

1. What is the study intervention, and what procedures or tests will be involved?
2. How many appointments will I have during the study, and how long will they be?
3. Where is the trial centre located, and are travel costs and expenses covered?
4. What are the benefits and risks of participating, including any long-lasting ones such as reproductive risks?

5. If I'm on treatments now, will I have to change my current treatment?

6. Is there a chance I might receive a placebo? What happens in terms of randomization?

7. Will the results be shared when the study is over? Will there be any follow-up after the study?

8. Who do I contact during the clinical trial if I have any questions or issues?

9. If the treatment is beneficial, can I stay on it after the trial is finished?