



TALKING TO YOUR DOCTOR ABOUT CLINICAL TRIALS

Clinical trials are research studies used to test new health interventions, such as medications, on voluntary participants.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

- Clinical trials can help connect you with new and emerging treatments for ovarian cancer.
- Extensive precautions are taken during a clinical trial to minimize your risk. You will be very closely monitored.
- Your cancer centre may have Clinical Trials Navigators. These are people who can help you find a clinical trial, explain the eligibility criteria, and help you decide if joining the clinical trial is right for you.
- Placebos (“sugar pills”) cannot be used in cancer trials if there is an effective treatment available. Therefore, you will still receive a treatment, either the new therapy being tested, or the current best standard of care.
- If your medical team is not open to discussing clinical trials, visit [ovariancanada.org/clinical trials](http://ovariancanada.org/clinical-trials) for support.

QUESTIONS YOU CAN ASK:

1. What clinical trials are available to me? How do I find out if I’m eligible?
2. Does my cancer centre have a clinical trials navigator who can connect me with appropriate clinical trials?
3. How will I be alerted if a future clinical trial becomes available that is appropriate for me?
4. If we find a clinical trial that might be appropriate for me, what are the next steps?
5. What type of clinical trial should we be looking for? What keywords should we be searching?



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**NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION OF CLINICAL TRIALS
NAVIGATOR:**

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**KEYWORDS WE SHOULD SEARCH FOR WHEN LOOKING FOR A
CLINICAL TRIAL:**

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