

Oncology Clinical Trials

What is a clinical trial?

A clinical trial is a type of research used to find the best treatment for specific types and stages of cancer. Each clinical trial follows a structured plan developed before the trial begins.

What trials are available?

As a clinical research affiliate of The Cancer Institute of New Jersey, The Steeplechase Cancer Center offers trials which enable our patients to participate in the latest cancer treatments close to home. We offer treatment trials for many cancers, including breast, colon, prostate, lung, bladder and renal cancers, and multiple myeloma.

What are the benefits of participating in a clinical trial?

Clinical trials give patients access to the latest treatments, including investigational drugs or FDA-approved drugs that are being tested in new doses or for different diseases. Some of our research is designed to answer important questions about early detection and prevention of cancers. Participants in clinical trials can play a more active role in their own health care, find new research treatments before they are widely available, and help others by contributing to medical knowledge.

What if I change my mind about participating?

A clinical trial involves informed consent, which is the process of learning the key facts about a clinical trial before deciding whether to participate. There also is a continuing process throughout the study to provide information to participants. If you choose to participate, you'll be required to sign an informed consent form, and will be given a copy. You may withdraw from the clinical trial at anytime.

Are clinical trials safe?

Every clinical trial is approved and monitored by Somerset Medical Center's Institutional Review Board (IRB) to make sure the risks are as low as possible and are worth any potential benefits. An IRB is an independent committee of physicians, statisticians, community advocates and others that ensures that a clinical trial is ethical and the rights of study participants are protected.

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