

Clinical Trials

Now a Health Minute.

If you or a loved one needs cancer treatment, you may consider a clinical trial.

This type of research study tests new treatments or methods of care. It can find better ways to screen for, diagnose, or treat a disease.

You may benefit from the care you could get in a clinical trial. But these studies can also have drawbacks, like: Serious side effects; A treatment that doesn't work; Long-distance travel; Or costs not covered by insurance.

Keep in mind, too, all clinical trials have requirements for participants. For example, you may need to: Have a certain type or stage of cancer or be a certain age.

Your healthcare provider can help you decide if a clinical trial is right for you. You can also visit ClinicalTrials.gov to learn more.