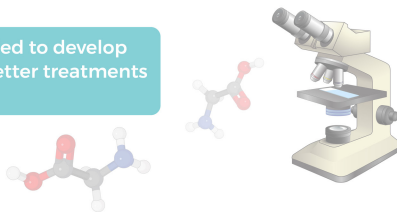


What is a Clinical Trial?

Clinical trials are research studies in which people volunteer to find ways to improve health, answer scientific questions and find better ways to prevent, diagnose or treat cancer.

Clinical trials are needed to develop screening tests and better treatments for ovarian cancer.



Who can Join a Clinical Trial for Ovarian Cancer Treatment?

Many different people take part in clinical trials. Some studies include healthy volunteers, while other studies include patient volunteers.



How are Clinical Trials Done? Clinical Trial Phases

Phase 1

Small group tests the treatment's **safety, dosage, and side effects**



Phase 2

Larger group tests the treatment's **safety and effectiveness.**



Phase 3

Many volunteers take the treatment to confirm **effectiveness and compare** it to current treatments. **If approved,** the treatment may be given to the public.



Phase 4

Researchers collect **ongoing information** about the approved treatment.



Patient Safety in Clinical Trials



Clinical trials must be approved by an **Institutional Review Board** before volunteers can join.

During a trial, **study monitors** check that the research is done correctly and that your privacy and safety are protected.

A trial may be stopped if problems are found.

You can leave a trial at any time if you change your mind. You will still receive the usual standard of care if you leave the trial.

Learning About a Trial Before Joining

Talk with your doctor and study team to learn **who may join,** the **research plan, risks, and benefits.**

Informed consent:

If you decide to join, you will sign an **informed consent** statement agreeing to be in the trial.



Benefits and Risks of Being in a Clinical Trial

Benefits ✓

- More regular monitoring by experts.
- Less rushed appointments and more time for questions.
- Taking a more active part in your care.



Risks ⚠

- Possible side effects.
- Not getting the results you hoped for.

Talk to your doctor about clinical trials that might be a good fit for you. You can also search for clinical trials at ClinicalTrials.gov or find more information at ovarian.org.

Why are Clinical Trials Important for Ovarian Cancer?

Clinical trials can be a hopeful option for many patients with ovarian cancer.

Clinical trials help researchers learn more about ovarian cancer, and the knowledge gained will help other women in the future.



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