

**The best option
to treat cancer is
sometimes hard
to see.**





As you think about treatment, it's worth considering **new options** now being developed.

These new options are called "cancer clinical trials" and are offered all over Georgia.



Cancer clinical trials offer the possibility of cutting-edge care and the hope of improving outcomes — for you and others.

What are clinical trials?

Clinical trials are studies that test new ways to treat diseases like cancer.

When you enroll in a cancer clinical trial, you may receive either a new treatment being studied or the current standard treatment. No matter which treatment you receive, your health will be closely monitored by medical experts throughout the trial to ensure your safety and well-being.

So, ask your doctor or nurse navigator if a clinical trial is the best path for your cancer treatment.



Are they safe?

Clinical trials follow strict safety rules and are closely monitored by medical experts and review boards. Before you're enrolled, everything is explained clearly — including what's being tested, any risks, and your rights as a patient. You're a partner in the process, and your care always comes first.

Agreeing to try a new potential treatment does bring some risk. But those who plan and conduct clinical trials **put many safeguards in place** to guide the trial and lower the risk. For example:

- Each trial is overseen by a **group of experts** (Institutional Review Board) who make sure the trial is designed as it should be, safely and fairly. This board protects those who choose to join a trial.
- Three federal agencies* (FDA, HHS and NIH) **all play roles in making rules** for clinical trials. The National Cancer Institute, part of NIH, even has its own Review Board.
- A process called “informed consent” means your trial must be clearly explained to you, and that your questions are answered. **The goal is for you to be fully informed.**

*U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health



It's not fully known if the potential new treatment in a clinical trial will be better than an existing treatment.

So, talking to your doctor about your options is a good idea. Importantly, you are free to leave a clinical trial **anytime you want** — you are not required to complete it.

How to find cancer clinical trials

The website **BestPathForYou.com** has lots of helpful information — as well as a link to the new potential treatments for cancer now being evaluated in Georgia.

One or more of these clinical trials may be near you!

Also: One of our clinical trials navigators would be happy to help you in your search - free of charge. Just email Navigators@GeorgiaCORE.org or text 470-664-4363, and a guide will be in touch.

5 important things to know about **cancer clinical trials.**



- 1 They're being conducted right now** after years of careful study about their safety and effectiveness.
- 2 Trials are offered at high-quality hospitals** and medical centers throughout Georgia. A team of professionals provides the care at the same high standard as any other treatment.
- 3 It's worth talking to your doctor** about these new potential treatments. One may be just right for your cancer diagnosis.
- 4 Contact Georgia Cancer Trial Finders.** A special cancer clinical trials navigator is available to help you find a new potential treatment / clinical trial. Email Navigator@GeorgiaCORE.org or TEXT to **470-664-4363**, and someone will be in touch very soon.
- 5 Our website BestPathForYou.com** has all kinds of helpful information on these new potential treatments. It includes more details on clinical trials as well as online resources and questions to ask your doctor.

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