

# Patient to Doctor Conversation Facilitation Guide

Joining a clinical trial is a significant decision. This guide is designed to help patients communicate with their doctor, ensuring comprehensive understanding and active participation in their cancer care journey. It contains some important topics and questions to ask when discussing the possibility of joining a clinical trial.

During discussions with your physician, we recommend that you **take notes, ask for clarification** when needed, and **consider bringing a supportive family member or friend**.

## UNDERSTANDING THE CLINICAL TRIAL

1. What is a clinical trial?
2. What do the different phases of clinical trials mean?
3. What is the purpose of this clinical trial, and how may it help me?
4. What phase is this clinical trial in, and what does that mean for me?
5. Who is sponsoring or funding this clinical trial?
6. Has this study treatment been evaluated before (in this disease or other diseases)?
7. How does this study treatment work, and how is it different from other available treatment options?
8. What are the potential benefits and risks or side effects of the study treatment as compared to other available treatment options?
9. Are there other treatment options available outside of this clinical trial?
10. Has this clinical trial started yet?
11. What are the requirements to participate in this clinical trial?
12. What does it mean if I am randomized to the control arm? Can I still get the study treatment?
13. Am I able to take other medications or continue current treatments while participating in the clinical trial?
14. Are there any preliminary results from the clinical trial that you can share with me?
15. Can I leave the clinical trial at any time?

## PARTICIPATION IN THE CLINICAL TRIAL

1. Do I meet the requirements to join the clinical trial?
2. Will I need any medical tests or procedures to determine if I qualify for the clinical trial?
3. Can I still participate if I have other health conditions or take other medications?
4. Can you explain the informed consent process?
5. What happens if I cannot or do not want to join the clinical trial?

## STUDY PROCEDURES AND COMMITMENT

1. What tests, treatments, or procedures will I receive?
2. How often will I need to visit the study site for treatments, tests, or checkups?
3. How long will this clinical trial last, and what will that mean for me?
4. How will this treatment affect my daily life, work, or activities?
5. What happens if I miss a visit or need to take a break?
6. Can I continue seeing my regular doctor during the clinical trial?
7. How are side effects managed during the clinical trial?
8. Whom can I contact if I have concerns during the clinical trial?

## NOTES



## DECISION-MAKING AND NEXT STEPS

1. How much time do I have to decide whether I will participate in the clinical trial?
2. Whom else can I talk to for more information (eg, clinical trial coordinators)?
3. Where can I find additional resources about this clinical trial?
4. What are the next steps if I want to join the clinical trial?