

# PLANNING NEXT STEPS? We would like to help you understand cancer clinical trial enrollment and participation at Stanford.

↘ The PDF version of this handout have hyperlinks to online resources.

## 1 Find information on Stanford cancer clinical trials.

Search on [cancer.stanford.edu/trials](https://cancer.stanford.edu/trials) using one or more of the following:

- > Browse eligibility flowcharts
- > Browse cancer conditions
- > Type in Condition or Keyword
- > Download Clinical Trials App

Search via National Institutes of Health

↘ [www.clinicaltrials.gov](https://www.clinicaltrials.gov)

National Library of Medicine

↘ [www.cancer.gov/trials](https://www.cancer.gov/trials)

National Cancer Institute

Stanford Cancer Clinical Trials Information Service is available to assist you with general inquiries about cancer clinical trials at Stanford. ☎ 650.498.7061 (then press 2) ✉ [ccto-office@stanford.edu](mailto:ccto-office@stanford.edu)

## 2 Decide if a cancer clinical trial is right for you. Here are some options:

A) Discuss clinical trials with your oncologist.

- > Your physician may select a trial and refer you to a second opinion for that trial.

↘ [cancer.stanford.edu/trials/referring\\_physicians.html](https://cancer.stanford.edu/trials/referring_physicians.html)

B) Call 650.498.6000 to make an appointment for a second opinion with a Stanford Health Care (SHC) oncologist.

- > The oncologist will discuss potential options, which may include clinical trials.

C) Request for an online second opinion from Stanford Medicine.

- > For a fee, you can initiate and receive a second opinion online. Please learn more about this service by visiting the website. To begin, you will need to create an online account.

↘ [stanfordhealthcare.org/second-opinion.html](https://stanfordhealthcare.org/second-opinion.html)

D) If you are an international patient and decide to come to Stanford, contact the Stanford International Medical Services (IMS).

- > IMS will determine what resources and insurance are needed. They will set up an appointment for a second opinion at SHC.

↘ [stanfordhealthcare.org/for-patients-visitors/international-services.html](https://stanfordhealthcare.org/for-patients-visitors/international-services.html)

## 3 Discuss study details and cost during enrollment for a cancer clinical trial.

You will meet with the study research team to:

- > Receive explanation about the study, its benefits and risks, and your rights.
- > Sign Informed Consent document if you are eligible. You may stop participation any time.
- > Learn about cost. The trial will pay for different study that is not part of your routine medical care. Personal costs may include insurance co-pays, transportation, and time.

# Resources to help with 3 basic questions

Is my health insurance plan accepted at Stanford Health Care?

Coverage for your care at Stanford Health Care is determined by your insurance company and is based on the provisions of your specific plan.

To find more information or to verify if SHC has in-network status for your plan, please visit the SHC website.

↘ [stanfordhealthcare.org/for-patients-visitors/health-insurance-plans.html](https://stanfordhealthcare.org/for-patients-visitors/health-insurance-plans.html)

Financial Counseling can help you determine the extent of your coverage before you receive care. ☎ 650.498.2900

Financial Clearance can help you find out if your insurance carrier has pre-authorized a medical service before you receive care. ☎ 650-724-4445 | toll free 1.877.291.7335

Can my physician refer me to a Stanford cancer clinical trial?

A physician can refer you to a trial offered at Stanford. A trial referral typically involves having the clinical researcher (also called principal investigator) discuss the trial with the physician.

Once the patient is in a trial, the referring physician may access the patient's medical records during the patient's study enrollment.

The Stanford Cancer Institute website provides information to physicians on how they can refer their patients to Stanford cancer clinical trials.

↘ [cancer.stanford.edu/trials/referring\\_physicians.html](https://cancer.stanford.edu/trials/referring_physicians.html)

The National Cancer Institute's (NCI) Cancer Details Checklist may help you and your physician answer some of the questions that may be asked by the clinical research team.

↘ [cancer.gov/about-cancer/treatment/clinical-trials/search/trial-guide/detailschecklist.pdf](https://cancer.gov/about-cancer/treatment/clinical-trials/search/trial-guide/detailschecklist.pdf)

How can I get help for my questions about cancer, research, and places offering trials?

The NCI can assist you in finding cancer clinical trials and related resources. Contact them through the information provided below.

An Information Specialist can answer general questions about cancer, provide resources, and help with clinical trial searches.

☎ 1.800.422.6237 | 1.800.4.CANCER

Send email or chat online at ↘ [cancer.gov/contact](https://cancer.gov/contact)



The NCI has website resources and information on cancer, research, and clinical trial participation.

Cancer, genetics and drug dictionaries ↘ [cancer.gov/research/resources/terminology/ncidictionaries](https://cancer.gov/research/resources/terminology/ncidictionaries)

Financial and other support resources ↘ [supportorgs.cancer.gov/home.aspx](https://supportorgs.cancer.gov/home.aspx)

Clinical trials information for patients and caregivers ↘ [cancer.gov/about-cancer/treatment/clinical-trials](https://cancer.gov/about-cancer/treatment/clinical-trials)

This handout provides general information and resources. Study Contacts, Information Specialists, and Patient Coordinators cannot provide medical advice. We recommend individuals work with a healthcare provider to discuss their unique medical situation.

