

Steps to clinical trial participation at the Stanford Cancer Institute

STEP 1

Find information on Stanford cancer clinical trials.

Search on 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 for trials on the National Institutes of Health websites:

-  www.clinicaltrials.gov
National Library of Medicine
-  www.cancer.gov/trials
National Cancer Institute

STEP 2

Decide if a cancer clinical trial is right for you. Select an option.

- 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
- 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
- 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

STEP 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.



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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 (SHC) 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

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.

 med.stanford.edu/cancer/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

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

 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

Financial and other support resources: supportorgs.cancer.gov/home.aspx

Clinical trials information for patients and caregivers: cancer.gov/about-cancer/treatment/clinical-trials

This handout provides general information only. Study Contacts and Information Specialists cannot provide medical advice. We recommend individuals work with a healthcare provider to discuss their unique medical situation. Clinical trials are not a substitute for health insurance.