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Clinical Trials: Key Questions

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QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TRIAL

- What is the purpose of the trial?
- What phase is the clinical trial?
- Why would the clinical trial treatment be better than the standard of care — or any other treatment option to treat my tumor?
- How does the clinical trial treatment work to treat my brain or spinal tumor?
- If the clinical trial is a drug therapy, how is the drug given (orally or intravenously)?
- What procedures are required as part of the clinical trial?
- What are the criteria to determine if I am eligible for the trial?
- How long will I be in the trial?
- How often do I have to be seen in the clinic or hospital as part of the trial?
- Can I be part of the clinical trial at a location closer to my home?
- How do you evaluate if the treatment is working?
- How often would I need to have imaging, and would this be part of the trial evaluation?
- How often do you evaluate if the treatment is working?
- How will I be informed of the results?
- How long do I have to make up my mind about joining this trial?
- Who can I speak with about questions I have during and after the trial?
- Who will be in charge of my care?
- If I want a second opinion, whom would you recommend I see?

QUESTIONS ABOUT RISKS AND BENEFITS

- What are the possible side effects or risks of the new treatment?
- How are side effects managed?
- Are there other health risks associated with participating in the trial?
- What are the possible benefits?
- How do the possible risks and benefits of this trial compare to those of the standard treatment?

QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS

- How will my health information be kept private?
- If the treatment isn't working, can I stop the trial?
- Can I stop participating in the trial at any point I choose?
- If I decide to leave the trial, what other options will I have?

QUESTIONS ABOUT COSTS

- Which costs do I have to pay if I take part in the trial?
- What costs will my health insurance cover?
- Who can help answer questions from my insurance company?
- Who can I talk with about costs and payments?

QUESTIONS ABOUT DAILY LIFE

- How could the trial affect my daily life?
- How often will I have to come to the hospital or clinic?
- Will I have to stay in the hospital during the clinical trial? If so, how often and for how long?
- How far will I need to travel to take part in the trial?
- Will I have checkups after the trial?
- Will the clinical trial require rehabilitation services, such as speech therapy or physical therapy?

QUESTIONS ABOUT COMPARING CHOICES

- What are my other treatment choices, including standard treatments?
- How does the treatment I would receive in this trial compare with the other treatment choices?
- What will happen to my cancer if I decide not to have any treatment?