

## Questions To Ask About Clinical Trials

While there are currently no cures for ALS, there are numerous clinical trials underway right now with the goal of finding safe and effective therapies. Below are some questions to ask your care team to learn more about clinical trials, the associated benefits and risks, and help identify trials that you may be able to participate in. These questions may be answered over a series of visits.

There is often a lot of information to absorb during a clinic visit - take a family member or friend with you who can take notes and ask your care team whether you can record your visit so you can listen to their answers and advice again at a later time.

**Provider Name:** .....

**Provider Contact Information:** .....

1. What is a clinical trial? How is it different from an observational study?

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2. How many phases are there in a trial? What do each of the phases entail?

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3. How can you help me learn more about what trials are available?

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4. Who conducts a clinical trial?

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5. How will participating in a clinical trial benefit me? What are the risks?

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6. How do I enroll in a clinical trial? What happens if I am not approved to participate?

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7. Can I opt out of a trial once I have started it?

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8. What is a placebo? How will I know if I have been given a placebo during a trial?

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9. What is the difference between “expanded access” and “right to try?” Do either of these apply to me?

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10. What happens when I finish a trial?

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Write down other questions you have:

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