Related Resources

- Compassionate use program: www.lymphomation.org/expanded-access.htm
- Evaluating medical claims and data: www.lymphomation.org/CAM-evaluating.htm
- Finding and choosing an oncologist, or outside expert to consult: www.lymphomation.org/docs.htm
- Free travel for treatment: www.lymphomation.org/clinical-trials-gov.htm
- Harmonizing Research and Treatment Goals Patient Perspectives on Clinical Trial Design: www.lymphomation.org/Harmonizing1.pdf
- Treatment decisions: www.lymphomation.org/treatment-decisions.htm

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We continuously improve our website in response to visitor questions and patient needs... by linking you to reputable evidence-based sources of information.

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When Should I Consider a Clinical Trial?

When Clinical Trials May be Appropriate

Checklist of Questions on:
- Treatments
- Side Effects
- Tests

How to Find Clinical Trials for Lymphoma

Patients Against Lymphoma

Patients helping Patients

Linking patients and physicians to reputable evidence-based information; voicing patient perspectives in the fight against Lymphoma.

TO LOCATE CLINICAL TRIALS FOR LYMPHOMA:

1. Go to ........ www.Lymphomation.org
2. Click ................... Clinical trials
3. Click ................ By Treatment type
   or ................ By Lymphoma type
   or ................ Other by phase, stage, refractory disease...
4. Click the desired study type.

A window displays the studies that answer the selected query as shown.

ClinicalTrials.gov

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CHECKLISTS

Are there treatments under study that would be appropriate for me?

Ask this of your treating physician.
... and of an independent expert as well.

Try to get a consensus that your decision to try an investigational treatment is reasonable and appropriate. Be aware that investigators who are conducting a clinical study can sometimes have unintended intellectual biases.

WHEN CLINICAL TRIALS MAY BE APPROPRIATE
Guidelines prepared by patients for patients

When standard treatments are not expected to cure the disease.

When the investigational therapy provides a potential improvement over standard therapies, such as a possible cure, or management of the disease with fewer side effects.

When investigational therapy has less expected toxicity than available standard treatments.

When your disease does not require immediate treatment — so-called watchful waiting — and the investigational treatment is not likely to make standard therapies less effective (preclude them) should they be needed later on.

ABOUT TREATMENTS

When you are not responding to standard therapies, and/or cannot tolerate the toxicities associated with them.

When diagnostic tests indicate the characteristics of your disease make it unlikely that it will respond to standard therapies.

ABOUT SIDE EFFECTS

What side effects should I expect? And what side effects should I report to you?

What signs or changes should I report immediately? And how can I best contact you when this happens?

How will I feel during therapy, and will it affect my normal activities?

What can I do to minimize risks during therapy?

Will you prescribe medications to minimize side effects and risks?

What side effects may I experience that are not dangerous?

What foods, supplements, procedures, or medications should I avoid during treatment?

ABOUT TESTS

What tests will you order? What do they measure? Will you provide copies?

How often should I receive these tests?

What changes or symptoms may indicate the need for tests?

When is a bone marrow biopsy indicated? What steps can you take to minimize discomfort and anxiety associated with this test?

When frequent imaging tests are required, can MRI be used instead of CT in order to minimize exposures to radiation?

What test results indicate a need to initiate or change treatment?