

Pancreatic cancer patients who participate in clinical research have better outcomes. Every treatment available today was approved through a clinical trial. The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network strongly recommends clinical trials at diagnosis and during every treatment decision.

ABOUT THIS BOOKLET

The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN) strongly recommends clinical trials at diagnosis and during every treatment decision. In the fight against pancreatic cancer, clinical trials give patients early-access to cutting-edge treatments that may lead to better outcomes, and they are the only way for researchers to develop new treatment options.

PanCAN created this booklet to educate patients about clinical trials and to guide discussions between people with pancreatic cancer and their doctors about whether participating in a clinical trial is their best choice. This booklet explains the clinical trial process and addresses common concerns regarding clinical trial participation. Some of the most common concerns include: receiving poor medical care, paying higher costs for care, receiving “sugar pills” or **placebos**, not being informed of all the potential risks involved and the ability to stop trial participation.

The decision to participate in a clinical trial requires thoughtful consideration from potential participants, their families and caregivers, and their healthcare team. Questions at the end of this booklet can help guide these conversations.

PanCAN Patient Services can perform personalized clinical trial searches based on individual needs and medical history. You can also start your own search using our Clinical Trial Finder by visiting clinicaltrials.pancan.org.

Hablamos español. Contact PanCAN Patient Services toll-free at 877-2-PANCAN or by email at patientservices@pancan.org. The PanCAN Patient Services Help Line is available Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. Pacific Time. All services are free of charge.

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