We encourage you to bring a list of questions you have to your appointment to ensure you receive all of the answers you need. You may also want to bring a family member or friend with you to help you record and remember the answers.

Here are some common questions you may want to ask your medical team:

1. What clinical trials are open to me?

2. Why are you recommending a clinical trial?

3. What is the purpose of this study?

4. How will a clinical trial potentially help me?

5. Why does the research team think the treatment, drug, or medical device will work?

6. If I decide to participate, will I have to change doctors?

7. How will my privacy be protected and who will have access to my health information?

8. What should I expect if I do not have this research treatment?

9. What other treatment options are available to me?
10. How will participation in this study affect my daily life?

11. Will I get a placebo?

12. What are my responsibilities during the clinical trial?

13. Who will be coordinating my overall health care for my disease?

14. What are the possible side effects of this study treatment?

15. How will these possible side effects compare with the side effects from the standard treatment?

16. What kind of tests and treatments will I have during the study?

17. Will I have to be hospitalized? If so, how often and how long?

18. Will I have to pay for any costs not covered by insurance or the study sponsor?

19. How long will the study last?

20. What type of long-term follow-up care is part of the study?