Your rights in a clinical trial

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These rights protect you before you join, during the study, and after you leave.

It is your choice
No one should pressure you to take part.

Take your time
You do not have to decide the same day. Take the form home and talk with people you trust.

Understand first
The team should explain the study in plain words, in your language. Ask as many questions as you need.

Know the risks and your other choices
You should be told the possible risks, the possible benefits, and what else you could do instead.

Leave at any time
You can stop whenever you want. You do not have to give a reason.

Keep your usual care
Saying no, or leaving, should not change the medical care you would normally receive.

Privacy
Your information is kept private. You can ask what is collected and who may see it.

Stay informed
If something important changes, the team should tell you and ask again if you want to continue.

Report any health change
Tell the team about any unwanted change in your health, even small. In an emergency, get urgent help first.

Raise a concern
You can talk to the study team, or to the independent ethics committee (IRB) that reviewed the study.

My contacts

Study team phone _____

Phone outside visit hours _____

Ethics committee (IRB) _____

My own doctor _____

For learning only. Not medical advice, and not a way to find or join a study. Talk with your own doctor and the study team about your situation.

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