

The Information You Need When Considering Whether a Clinical Trial is Right For You!

“... I want all my patients (and all my trainees) to read this book.”
—**KATHY D. MILLER, M.D.**, Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center

“... not only guides the reader through the complex twists and turns of cancer diagnosis and treatment, but empowers patients and family members to ask informed questions and make informed decisions about cancer clinical trials. . .”
—**JAMES L. GULLEY M.D., PH.D.**, Director, Clinical Trials Group, National Cancer Institute

Cancer Clinical Trials: A Commonsense Guide to Experimental Cancer Therapies and Clinical Trials is the single comprehensive guide you need when considering therapeutic options in addition to standard cancer therapy. It will help you decide if a clinical trial is a good option for your specific situation, to choose an appropriate trial, and to navigate through the clinical trial process. The book highlights questions to ask before and during a clinical trial, features to look for and those to be avoided, and sources of detailed information.

The book discusses what cancer is and the many ways in which it is treated—including surgery, chemotherapy, radiation, and new strategies now in use or that will be available in the near future. It then considers all aspects of clinical trials:

- How clinical trials are developed and managed
- How to find and evaluate clinical trials that may be right for your particular situation
- How to become a clinical trial participant
- Details of what will be involved in terms of time and commitment
- A chapter on available drugs now used to treat cancer

TOM BEER, M.D., is a medical oncologist who has led cancer clinical trials at all phases, including those that use a medication for the first time in people, as well as large international trials that compare treatments to each other that, when successful, change the standard of cancer care. It is Tom’s hope that this book will give readers the information they need to make informed decisions about participating in a clinical trial.

LARRY AXMAKER, PH.D., is a retired psychologist, teacher, and writer who has cancer and has participated in several clinical trials. He recently published a book about prostate cancer, *Real Men Get Prostate Cancer, Too* that chronicles his sometimes serious, sometimes humorous journey with his cancer.

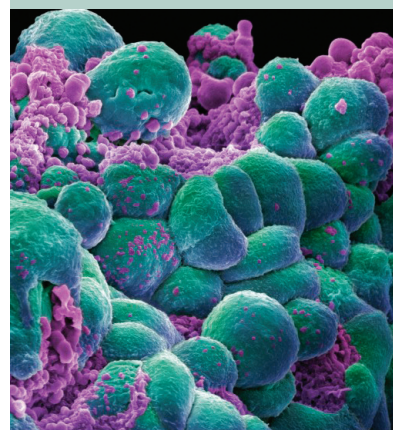


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A Commonsense Guide to Experimental Cancer Therapies and Clinical Trials

- What is cancer and how is it treated?
- Does a clinical trial have a place in my cancer care plan?
- How can I choose a clinical trial that is right for me?
- What new cancer treatments are available based on the latest research?



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