



Asking your doctor questions about clinical trials at any phase of your treatment will help you and your doctor manage your care. Try using the P.A.C.E.S. approach to improve communication with your doctor regarding your healthcare needs. P.A.C.E.S. stands for:

P: Present information **A:** Ask questions **C:** Check understanding **E:** Express concerns **S:** State preferences

1. What are my treatment options right now?

2. What is the goal of the treatment?

3. Could you suggest any clinical trials for which I might be eligible?

4. Are these clinical trials available where I am being treated now, or would it be necessary to change treatment locations?

5. What are the possible risks, side effects, and benefits of the study treatment compared to my current or standard treatment?

6. What phase is this clinical trial and what does that mean?

7. How would the clinical trial treatment be different from the standard treatment?

8. How long will I be treated in the clinical trial?

9. What are the chances I will get the experimental treatment? Does this clinical trial include the use of a placebo?

10. If I enroll in the trial, who will be in charge of my blood cancer care?

11. How will I know if the clinical trial treatment is working?

12. How do I find out if my insurance will cover the costs of my treatment or the clinical trial?

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13. Will there be any travel or additional costs that I need to consider while I am in the trial?

14. If not now, under what circumstances would a clinical trial be an option for me?

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