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Ask your doctor:

5 Questions about clinical studies



We can't find treatments for sickle cell disease — or better yet, a cure — without clinical studies. The more patients who participate in clinical studies, the closer we get to a world without sickle cell disease.

We want to make it easy for you to talk to your doctor about clinical studies.

Please print this list of questions and take it with you the next time you see your doctor. Use these questions to start a discussion — and raise any other questions on your mind.

This sheet is provided for information purposes only and does not replace the expertise of a qualified health care provider or procedures put in place by authorized persons to fully inform patients about participation in clinical studies.

- 1. Is there a sickle cell clinical study that might be a good fit for me?
 - What is the focus of the study?
 - Is it open to adults, children, or both?
 - How long will it last?
 - What are the pros and cons — and benefits and risks of participating?
- 2. Has this treatment been tested before? If so, what were the results of those tests?
- 3. How (and when) will I know if the treatment is working?
 - If the new treatment works, will I be able to take it after the study is over?
- 4. Will I be notified of the results when the clinical study is finished?
 - Will there be any follow-up care after the study is over?
- 5. How many clinical studies have you been involved in? What were the results?