



Penn Cardiovascular Institute – Clinical Trial Questions

- Why is the research being done?
 - How long will the study last?
 - Who should I call if I have a question about the study?
 - Will the research help me personally?
 - Could the research hurt me?
 - Who pays if I'm unexpectedly injured in the study?
 - What will the researcher do with my information?
 - What kinds of test and exams will I have to take?
 - How much time do these take?
 - What will be done to me as part of the research?
 - How often does the study require me to go to the doctor or clinic?
 - What are the costs to me? Will my health insurance pay for it?
 - What are my other treatment choices? How do they compare with the treatment being studied?
 - Are there any side effects to expect as a result of the research?
 - How do they compare with side effects of standard treatment?
 - Will there be any follow-up after the study?
 - What happens at the end of the study?
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Keep In Mind:

- Clinical trials are tests of medical treatments to see if they are safe and if they work.
- Before participating in a clinical trial, you **MUST** be given complete information about the study. This information should include any possible risks and benefits.
- You should ask lots of questions to be sure you understand the study.
- You must sign a special agreement called an "Informed Consent Form" before taking part in the study.
- The Informed Consent Form is **NOT** a contract. You may leave the study at any time.