



The Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center is committed to participation in and promotion of cancer-related research. We offer both adult and pediatric clinical trials as well as tissue banking that will provide researchers with specimens for future cancer-related research. We participate in a broad range of clinical trials including cancer treatment trials (chemotherapy, biotherapy), supportive care (symptom management) and screening (early detection) studies. The majority of our trials are National Cancer Institute-sponsored cooperative group studies.



## Why choose the Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center?



The Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center is jointly directed by Cabell Huntington Hospital, the Edwards Foundation, Inc. and the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine at Marshall University. The three-story, 70,000 square-foot facility opened in January 2006 on the campus of Cabell Huntington Hospital, and it offers comprehensive cancer care for children and adults. The Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center's growing reputation for excellence in cancer diagnosis and treatment has attracted a variety of skilled specialists who offer treatments including chemotherapy, surgery and radiation to treat cancers of the breast, lung, prostate, uterus, ovaries and bone, among others.

As part of our comprehensive cancer program, we strive to offer every eligible patient the opportunity to participate in a clinical trial and by doing so, be a part of the future of cancer care.

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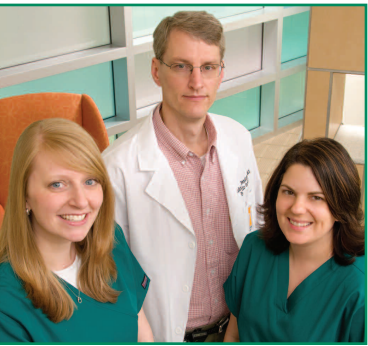
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## What are clinical trials?

Clinical trials are research studies that involve people. Through clinical

trials, we can find better ways to prevent, detect and treat cancer. Clinical trials are vital to the future of cancer treatment and care; however, according to the National Cancer Institute, only about three percent of cancer patients nationwide participate in clinical trials. Rapidly advancing the knowledge and treatment of cancer is only possible if more people participate in clinical trials.

Clinical trials test many types of treatment, including new drugs or vaccines and already approved drugs used in new combinations.



New ways of using radiation therapy and surgery are also tested through clinical trials. Participation in a clinical trial can give you access to treatment options that may not be otherwise available.

**Participants in clinical trials can play a more active role in their own health care, gain access to new research treatments before they are widely available and help others by contributing to medical research.**

[-www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov)

## How do I learn if I am eligible for a clinical trial?

Your physician will discuss treatment options with you, and a clinical trial may be one of those options. Clinical trials have strict guidelines that determine who is eligible to enter the trial based on the question the clinical trial is trying to answer. These guidelines help ensure the safety of patients and that the results of the study are accurate. Some common considerations are the type or stage of cancer, age, previous treatments and other medical problems. It is important that only patients who fit the guidelines are entered into the clinical trial.

If your physician does not mention clinical trials, please ask if there is a clinical trial that is right for you.

## How can I learn more?

The Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center has a dedicated research staff that will be happy to answer your clinical trial questions. We are in the office Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Here's how you can contact the staff:

- Clinical Research Supervisor at 304-399-6617
- Clinical Trials Coordinator at 304-399-6637
- Tissue Procurement Coordinator at 304-399-6655
- Regulatory Coordinator 304-399-6616

For more information about clinical trials at our facility, please visit the Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center website at [www.edwardsccc.org](http://www.edwardsccc.org) and follow the clinical trials link. For general information on clinical trials, please go to <http://www.cancer.gov/clinicaltrials>.

## How are patients protected?

Clinical trial participants are protected in several ways:



**Review.** Clinical trials follow strict federal guidelines and must be also be approved by an Institutional Review Board (IRB). The IRB is a group of people that reviews the research and ensures the safety and rights of participants. All clinical trials done at the Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center are reviewed yearly by the Marshall University IRB.

**Supervision.** All studies are conducted under the supervision of a principal investigator. The principal investigator is usually an Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center physician. The principal investigator works closely with the research team (nurses, pharmacists and regulatory coordinators) to ensure that the study is conducted in an ethical manner and that the patient is protected.

**Consent.** Informed consent is the process by which patients are made aware of the purpose, risks and potential benefits of the clinical trial. The physician and research staff discuss the study with the patient and family members and provide the information in written form. This information is vital in making the decision to participate in a clinical trial. Before agreeing to take part in a clinical trial it is important that all questions have been answered to your satisfaction.