Why should I Participate in Clinical Trials

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Try a new treatment that may or may not be better than those that already exist.

You can also help others better understand how the treatment works in people of different diseases, races and genders.
In the past, most drug testing had been done on white men. This means that some groups, such as African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, American Indians, Asians, Pacific Islanders and women, had not always been included in the tests done on drugs.

Drugs may work differently in minorities and women than on white men.

So the Food & Drug Administration wants people from many different groups included in clinical trials.
Clinical trials are done to test whether new products are safe and work against disease.

See how possible new treatment's compare to standard treatments or to no treatment (Which means that some people will not get the treatment).

Not getting the treatment upsets some patients and they decide not to participate.

What Happens in a Clinical Trial?
What Are the Risks of Participating in Clinical Trial?

- There can be side effects that can be serious or life threatening.
- You are closely monitored by the research team and the trial is stopped immediately when there are events that cause harm to you.
- There may be side effects and these will go away when the treatment stops or may only be temporary.
- All risks will be fully explained to you by the researcher.
Feel Confident About Enrolling in a Clinical Trial

Be Confident – ask questions
Ask about the difference between clinical trial and medical care

Be Confident – Feel you are informed
You will NEVER be deprived of standard medical care

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Past abuses in clinical research will never happen again – You are in the Driver’s Seat!

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You should not be fearful, distrustful or suspicious

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Other issues that may cause you to be hesitant to participate

- Transportation
- Time constraints
- Interference with work or home responsibilities
The research team aims to be sensitive to your needs

Your Needs
There is only one approved drug for sickle cell disease in 101 years!

Other diseases have hundreds of drugs and treatment options

We need you!
Drug and treatment options occur because people volunteer to participate in clinical trials.

We need you!
Many clinical trials for sickle cell disease which hope to increase the number of drugs and treatment options have closed due to LACK of RECRUITMENT

We need you!
You can make a difference!

Volunteer
Thank you