



### Cancer Trials Recruitment Nurse

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#### Why Is This Role Important?

- Educate patients on the importance of clinical trials in cancer prevention and treatment.
- Support and promote our physicians' research on our campus and in the community.
- We need to learn more about how cancer treatments work on people of all races and ethnicities.
- Fewer than 3-5% of cancer patients in the United States are enrolled in clinical trials, and even less so for people of color, women, and the elderly.
- 4 out of 5 trials participants are Caucasian.





#### Help Dispel Myths About Cancer Trials

- Myth: Cancer trials are only if there are no other treatments for my care.
- Myth: I will be a "guinea pig."
- Myth: I might be given a placebo (sugar pill) without my knowledge!
- Myth: Cancer trials are not safe!





### All of Today's Best Cancer Treatments Were Once Clinical Trials! Ask Your Doctor If One Is Right For You.

Types of trials for which a person may be eligible:

- Treatment trials: drugs, vaccines, radiation, surgery, and combinations.
- **Prevention trials**: involve healthy people, usually at high risk for developing cancer, or have had cancer and are at high risk for developing another. For example: exercise, vitamin, nutritional studies.
- Quality of life, supportive care, and palliative care studies.
- Screening studies: to learn how earlier intervention can save lives, help determine treatment options, and reduce cancer related deaths.





#### **Read More About Cancer Trials!**

- National Institutes of Health
- National Cancer Institute
- Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University
- Clinicaltrials.gov website for trials search
- American Cancer Society





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# Questions?





# Thank You