

What is a clinical trial? My doctor has mentioned that I could participate in one.

A clinical trial is a carefully designed research study that usually involves comparing one cancer treatment with another. At some time you may be invited to take part in such a trial.

Whether you join the trial is entirely up to you. Just about everything that we already know about breast cancer treat-

ment comes from previous clinical trials. Yet, many questions about breast cancer treatment are still unanswered. Since there is still so much left to learn, new trials are urgently needed to plan the best care for the future. If you wish to add to knowledge in this way, ask your doctor about possible trials you could join.

