

Pancreatic cancer patients who participate in clinical research have better outcomes. Every treatment available today was approved through a clinical trial. The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network strongly recommends clinical trials at diagnosis and during every treatment decision.

ABOUT THIS BOOKLET

The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network recommends that all patients consider clinical trials when exploring treatment options. In the fight against pancreatic cancer, clinical trials are the only way for researchers to develop new treatment options for pancreatic cancer patients, and they give patients early-access to cutting-edge treatments that may lead to better outcomes.

The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network created this booklet to educate patients about clinical trials and to guide discussions between patients and their doctors about whether participating in a clinical trial is their best choice. This booklet explains the clinical trial process and addresses common concerns regarding clinical trial participation. Some of the most common patient concerns include: receiving poor medical care, paying higher costs for care, receiving “sugar pills” or placebos, not being informed of all the potential risks involved and ability to stop trial participation.

The decision to participate in a clinical trial requires thoughtful consideration from potential participants, their families, caregivers and doctors. Questions at the end of this booklet can help guide these conversations.

If you would like further information about pancreatic cancer treatment options including clinical trials, contact Patient Central. Patient Central can perform personalized clinical trials searches based on each patient’s specific diagnosis, treatment history and geographical location. You can also start your own search using our Clinical Trial Finder by visiting clinicaltrials.pancan.org.

Contact Patient Central toll-free at 877-2-PANCAN or by email at patientcentral@pancan.org. Patient Central is available Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. Pacific Time.

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