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# WHO MAKES CLINICAL RESEARCH HAPPEN— AND HOW CAN YOU JOIN?

FROM AWARENESS TO ACCESS, FROM ACCESS TO ACTION



## CLINICAL RESEARCH

# A TEAM EFFORT THAT SAVES LIVES

Have you ever wondered how new medicines and treatments are tested and brought to your community?

The answer is clinical research—a process that depends on teamwork and people like you. Here's what you need to know about who makes clinical research happen and how you can get involved:



## WHO MAKES CLINICAL RESEARCH HAPPEN?

Doctors in clinical research don't just see patients. They also help design the study and give their medical opinion to make sure it's safe, practical, and makes sense medically.

### 1. DOCTORS & SCIENTISTS:

Develop new ideas for treatments and design research studies.  
Carefully monitor participants and collect important health data.

### 2. NURSES & RESEARCH COORDINATORS

Guide and support participants through every step of the study.  
Answer questions, schedule visits, and help with paperwork.

### 3. VOLUNTEERS (PARTICIPANTS):

Everyday people who choose to join a study. Volunteers are the heart of clinical research!  
Without their willingness to participate, new treatments could never be tested.

### 4. OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES (INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARDS, OR IRBS):

Groups of doctors, scientists, and community members who review every study before it starts. Their job is to protect your rights and safety.

### 5. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES (LIKE THE FDA):

Make sure studies are done safely and ethically.  
Approve new medicines and treatments only if they are proven to be safe and effective.

### 6. COMMUNITY ADVOCATES:

Help make research more inclusive and relevant for all backgrounds.  
Share information and answer questions in your community.



## HOW TO JOIN A CLINICAL STUDY

Interested in being part of medical progress? Here's how you can take the first step:

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### TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR:

Your healthcare provider can tell you about clinical trials that might be a good fit for you.

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### SEARCH ONLINE:

Visit trusted websites like ClinicalTrials.gov to find studies looking for volunteers. Many hospitals and universities also post research opportunities on their websites.

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### ASK AT LOCAL HOSPITALS OR CLINICS:

Many research studies look for participants from the community. Ask staff if studies are available.

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### CHECK COMMUNITY HEALTH EVENTS:

Local health fairs, clinics, and outreach events often share information about ongoing studies.

## WHAT TO EXPECT AS A VOLUNTEER

**You're in Control:** Participation is always voluntary. You can ask questions, and you can leave a study at any time.

**You'll Be Informed:** Before you join, the research team will explain what the study involves, any risks or benefits, and your rights.

**You're Protected:** Safety is the top priority. Each study is closely monitored by doctors, nurses, and safety committees.

**You're Making a Difference:** By participating, you help develop new treatments that could help your family, friends, and community.



## WHY JOIN A CLINICAL STUDY?

### ACCESS TO NEW TREATMENTS

Sometimes, you may receive new therapies before they are widely available.

### EXPERT CARE:

You'll be closely monitored by a medical team.

### HELP OTHERS:

Your participation can lead to breakthroughs that benefit people everywhere.

## WANT TO LEARN MORE OR GET INVOLVED?

Questions? Want to Learn More?

Visit [EduCureActNow.org](http://EduCureActNow.org)

Visit [ClinicalTrials.gov](http://ClinicalTrials.gov) for current research studies.

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## ABOUT EDUCURE

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