

“ When I was first diagnosed with Parkinson’s, I wanted to know everything about the disease that there was to know. One of the best ways to be proactive with your disease is to participate in a clinical trial. Being in a clinical trial has put me in touch with those who are at the cutting edge of research in Parkinson’s. ”

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→ Why Should I Consider Participating in a Clinical Study?

- Clinical studies (also called clinical trials or clinical research) help answer specific questions about new treatments by studying their effects in people. It is only through clinical studies that Parkinson's disease (PD) treatments and medications are made available.
- The time that it takes to develop a potential treatment can be as long as 15 years. One of the reasons for this delay is the difficulty in finding people to participate in clinical studies.
- It is estimated that only one percent of people with PD participate in clinical studies. If more people with PD were study volunteers, more studies would be completed on time.
- Women, minorities and people from rural areas are underrepresented in clinical studies. When there is more diversity among study participants, research will better reflect how a treatment will work for everyone with PD.

→ How Will Taking Part in a Clinical Study Benefit Me?

- Although there are no guarantees, by participating in a clinical study you have the chance to experience a potentially effective new therapy.
- While participating in the clinical study, you will have access to leading healthcare professionals who can share their knowledge and understanding of PD with you.
- Clinical study participants often report increased understanding of their disease and how it affects them. This increased knowledge can allow you to better manage your overall health.
- Clinical study participants tell of the pride they feel when they are able to personally contribute to what is known about PD and its treatments. You will be furthering knowledge for current and future generations.

→ Where Can I Learn More About Parkinson's Clinical Studies?

Visit www.PDtrials.org for general information about clinical research, a list of studies currently seeking participants and personal stories from study participants. You may also sign-up to receive a monthly email newsletter with updates on new clinical studies and related news.

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- *Getting Involved in Parkinson's Disease Clinical Trials* – provides answers to key questions about the clinical study process.
- *Participating in Parkinson's Clinical Research: Questions to Ask* – provides an extensive list of questions that will help you be educated and informed throughout your clinical study experience.
- *PDtrials Clinical Research Bulletin* – provides a print version of the clinical studies that are listed on www.PDtrials.org.

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