Questions about clinical trials

1. How do I know if I am a possible candidate for a clinical trial?

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2. Are clinical trials only for people who have failed all other options?

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3. If I am a candidate to receive an approved standard therapy, why should I participate in a clinical trial?

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4. Are clinical trials safe?

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5. What are some of the risks and benefits of participating in a clinical trial?

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6. What is the goal of this trial? Who is sponsoring it?

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7. What is known about the investigational drug being studied? Has it worked in previous trials? Is it the same as chemotherapy?

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8. How will I be given the drug? How often and for how long?

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9. Are there tests to determine if I am eligible for this trial?

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10. What types of tests, scans, or other procedures are required during the trial, and how frequently will they need to be performed?
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11. What side effects might I experience if I’m given the investigational drug? Are the side effects reversible, and can they be managed?
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12. Are the side effects from the investigational drug worse than those I might experience with standard treatment? How severe could these side effects be?
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13. Will I lose my hair?
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14. Will I be able to continue working or go about my daily routine?
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