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 a Patient Central Associate. Associates 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 a Patient Central Associate toll-free at 877-272-6226 or by email at patientcentral@pancan.org. Associates are available Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. Pacific Time.

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