

Questions worth considering before starting a clinical trial

It's really important you have all the facts you need to make an informed decision about whether to participate in a clinical trial. People with CF have helped us put together a checklist of questions you may wish to ask to help you reach a decision.

- What are the aims of the trial and how will it help people with CF?
- What kind of trial is it?
- What is the treatment being studied?
- Has the treatment been given to people with CF before and, if so, what were the results?
- Will some of the people on the trial be given a placebo?
- Will I be told if I will receive the treatment or a control/placebo?
- How long will I be expected to participate?
- Will I need to take time off work/school?
- What tests and procedures will be carried out?
- How often will I have to visit the CF centre?
- Will any overnight stays be required?
- What are the potential risks/benefits?
- Will I be paid to take part?
- What kind of follow up will there be?
- If the treatment helps me, will I be able to continue on it after the trial ends?
- How will I be notified of the results?
- What happens if I decide to withdraw from the trial?
- Who should I speak to if I have a question or concern?