



VOLUNTEERING in research

What questions should I ask before I volunteer?

Here are some questions you might ask before deciding to take part in a research study at a VA Medical Center:

- ◆ Who is doing this study and what question might it answer?
- ◆ Who reviewed or approved this study?
- ◆ How long will this study last?
- ◆ What could happen to me, good or bad, if I take part in this study?
- ◆ What tests or procedures will I have during the study?
- ◆ Will this research help in understanding my condition?
- ◆ Is it possible that I will receive a placebo (inactive substance)?
- ◆ What happens to any specimens that I give?
- ◆ Could my condition get worse during the study? What if it does?
- ◆ What other options or choices do I have if I decide not to take part?

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- ◆ **If I decide to participate in this study, how will it affect me?**
- ◆ **Will I have to make extra trips to the VA?**
- ◆ **What will happen to me at the end of the study?**
- ◆ **Will I be told the results of the study?**
- ◆ **How do I end my participation in the study if I change my mind?**
- ◆ **Whom do I contact for questions and information about the study?**

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