



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 or clinic.

- ◆ 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? If so, how?
- ◆ 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 happens if it does?
- ◆ What other options or choices do I have if I decide not to take part in the study?
- ◆ If I decide to participate in this study, how will it affect my daily life?
- ◆ Will I have to make extra trips to the VA?
- ◆ What will happen to me at the end of the study?