CANCER CLINICAL TRIALS
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

WHAT IS A CANCER CLINICAL TRIAL?
A research study that involves people to find new ways to improve cancer care, such as with prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and managing side effects.

IS A CLINICAL TRIAL RIGHT FOR YOU?
- There are trials available for different types and stages of cancer
- Enrollment in a trial is always voluntary
- Could be an option for those who have had many treatments

Ask your provider if there is a trial you should consider

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR PROVIDER
- What are the different requirements to participate?
- Will the trial replace my current treatment?
- What are the possible benefits and side effects?
- At what point in my treatment should I begin a trial?
- Who will coordinate my care?
- What types of treatments and medical appointments are part of the trial?
- What are the costs? Who pays?
- Will I have to travel to receive treatment?
- How long will the trial last?
- What happens if I leave early?
WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF CLINICAL TRIALS?

- You have an active role in your cancer care
- Early access to promising new treatments not yet approved for general use
- Medical care is coordinated with the clinical trial team
- Guidelines are in place to protect your rights, privacy and safety
- Participating is a way to "pay it forward" because you can help move research forward for all people with cancer

FINDING A CANCER CLINICAL TRIAL

- Ask your provider for help finding a trial
- Trials are held at different health systems, medical centers, and locations
- Trials may be supported by health systems, government or drug companies
- Look online for available trials: www.clinicaltrials.gov
  Or call: National Cancer Institute at 1-800-4-CANCER

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST INFO@MICHIGANCANCER.ORG

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