Accessing new treatments

Taking part in a clinical trial can provide you with opportunities to gain access to new treatments or devices that are being tested.

However, it is important to keep in mind that the drug trial or research study on a new device is only carried out to find if the new option is better than what is currently offered. It may be the same, or it may be worse.

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Every year, lots of people help the NHS improve healthcare by taking part in health research.

This year, the NHS turns 70. Whether you are a patient or a healthy member of the public, by supporting health research you can help to shape the health and care that the NHS delivers over the next 70 years.

Improving healthcare through health research

Clinical trials are an essential part of health research. They help us develop better treatments, which improve healthcare for adults and young people. This can lead to real breakthroughs that save lives and improve quality of life.

You may be interested in joining a clinical trial to improve healthcare generally, or to support health research because you have a specific illness.

Taking an active role in your own care

Taking part in a clinical trial may be of benefit to you, or to healthcare more generally.

On some clinical trials your condition may be monitored more regularly than with standard care. Do ask your doctor, nurse or healthcare professional what kind of attention you’ll receive.

I AM

Sophie

“I decided to become a Patient Research Ambassador as I am passionate about promoting the value of research and the importance of having patients take part in all aspects of it. Without research that has taken place in the past, I would not have the quality of care that I have now. I hope that my involvement can do the same for others.”

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Simon

“Getting involved in research was the best decision that I have ever made. After meeting so many wonderful people who I have been able to learn from, I have grown in confidence and I have developed my own skills and competency in effectively self-managing my health. Research is the door to the future health and wellbeing of our nation.”

WE ARE

Naomi & Amelie

“We wanted to get involved because we wanted to find a diagnosis for Amelie, but we now know that whatever she has is extremely rare. Despite this, we can take some sense of joy knowing that babies born in the future with Amelie’s syndrome will benefit. We could fill the gap for someone else.”