Let’s Learn Webinar

The Importance of Clinical Trials
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Let’s Win is an online platform that enables doctors, scientists, and patients to share fast-breaking information on potentially life-saving pancreatic cancer treatments and clinical trials.

All stories published on the Let’s Win website are available in English and Spanish and are reviewed by medical experts.
What Do You Know About Clinical Trials?

Clinical trials are an important part of pancreatic cancer treatment options. But you may not know much about them—what is involved and how to find a trial.

Take our poll and test your knowledge about clinical trials.
Pancreatic Cancer: Among the Lives Lost
Pancreatic Cancer: By the Numbers

• About 60,000 people are diagnosed with pancreatic cancer each year in the US
• The average rate of occurrence in the US is 12.9% but in the Black community the rate is 15.7%
• The 5-year survival rate is about 10%
• Most people are diagnosed at a later stage of the disease
• The most effective treatment is surgical removal, but most patients are diagnosed at a too advanced stage
• At this time, there is no easy screening test for pancreatic cancer
The Facts about Clinical Trials

You may receive a drug or treatment protocol that will be more effective than current treatments. Clinical trials move the science forward, something that is particularly important for pancreatic cancer.

- Not everyone qualifies for every trial
- Trials target specific stages of disease.
- Participants may or may not have had prior treatment
- Participants may need to be able to tolerate the treatment.
- The treatments do not cost extra but there may be other expenses, including travel, more testing, or extra missed time from work.

It is also important that new treatments are tested on EVERYONE. Clinical trials need to include people from different racial and ethnic backgrounds.
Why choose clinical trials

Robert Weker’s treatment
• Stage II diagnosis
• Whipple procedure
• Clinical trial of chemotherapy and high dose vitamin D

Randall Swan’s treatment
• Stage II diagnosis
• Whipple procedure
• Clinical trial of FOLFIRINOX, stereotactic body radiation therapy, and immunotherapy vaccine
How to find a clinical trial

Ask your doctor

Research online from reliable sources

• ClinicalTrials.gov
• Let’s Win’s EmergingMed Clinical Trial Finder
• PanCAN’s Clinical Trial Finder
Participating in a clinical trial

- What to expect
- What to watch out for
Qualifying for a trial

- Stage of disease
- Health status
- Prior treatment
- Genetic mutations
Disparities and Pancreatic Cancer

- The average rate of occurrence in the US is 12.9% but in the Black community the rate is 15.7%
- Black men have a 17.2% rate of occurrence
- Black women have a 14.5% rate of occurrence
- The mortality rate overall is 11%, but is 13.3% for Black Americans
Disparities in clinical trial participation

- Black patients comprised 8.2 percent of trial participants vs. 12.4 percent of cases
- Hispanic patients represented 6 percent of trial participants vs 8.5 percent of cases

Why does this disparity exist?
How can we encourage diverse enrollment?
Final Thoughts

What Is a Clinical Trial?

How to Find a Clinical Trial
Finding Clinical Trials

ClinicalTrials.gov

Let’s Win’s EmergingMed Clinical Trial Finder

PanCAN’s Clinical Trial Finder

MediFind

Cancer Commons

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