

# CLINICAL TRIALS

## DID YOU KNOW?



### Not every trial has a placebo group

A large number of trials being conducted, especially those in Phase III, give the same drug or treatment to a large group to confirm its effectiveness. They also compare the outcome to other treatments currently on the market.



### Clinical trials have many different phases

I – Researchers test an experimental drug or treatment in a small group of people (20–80) for the first time. The purpose is to evaluate its safety and identify side effects.

II – The experimental drug or treatment is administered to a larger group of people (100–300) to determine its effectiveness and to further evaluate its safety.

III – The experimental drug or treatment is administered to large groups of people (1,000–3,000) to confirm its effectiveness, monitor side effects, compare it with standard or equivalent treatments, and collect information that will allow the experimental drug or treatment to be used safely.



### Participants are closely monitored for side effects

Prior to the commencement of the study, your principal investigator will fully review the side effects that the experimental treatment might cause. Remember that the purpose of these clinical trials is to test the effectiveness of new therapies, which means that there is a risk involved. Experienced side effects can be managed successfully by the medical care team at a clinic.



### Your health is a top priority

Yes, clinical trials may scare you since they're experimental with hypothesized outcomes, but the studies are sure to adhere to strict criteria. This aids in the safety and success of the procedure, drug, or intervention. Remember, if you choose to participate, you are the most integral part of the clinical trial.