Clinical trials evaluate the safety and effectiveness of new treatments. These studies may be of completely new treatments, new combinations of previously approved treatments, or combinations of both new and previously approved treatments.

ClinicalTrials.gov currently lists 414,752 studies with locations in all 50 states and in 220 countries.

Fewer than 5% of adults with cancer participate in a clinical trial, however approximately 50% of patients who are offered a clinical trial do participate. This is why it is so important to spread the word. We need more patients to know about and participate in clinical trials.

Many current clinical trials are looking at treatments for cancers with specific biomarkers. Knowing your biomarkers can help your medical team understand your prognosis and guide your treatment, as well as help match you with a clinical trial that could benefit you.

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While navigating a clinical trial can be confusing, the GCCA has compiled resources to help you and your health care team determine if a clinical trial is right for you. Visit www.globalcca.org/clinical-trials for more information, including:

- Links to online clinical trial databases, including colorectal cancer-specific trials
- Printable materials to bring to your healthcare team to use as a discussion guide
- List of non-profits and their clinical trial resources and how to access the programs

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