THE BIG C
Cancer. The big C.

When you learn you have cancer, just like that, everything changes.
But the big C doesn’t have to rob you of the power to stay in control. Fortunately, there is something else that begins with C – a cancer clinical trial.

A cancer clinical trial offers today’s newest drugs and breakthrough treatments, before they become widely available. It gives you the power to change your future. And it may change how you look at the big C tomorrow.
By enrolling in a cancer clinical trial, you have access to the very latest treatments, often before they are made available for general clinical use. And you have the opportunity to get this care right here in our area, without having to travel across the country.

At UC Davis Cancer Center, we offer about 150 adult and 50 pediatric cancer clinical trials at any given time.

UC Davis Cancer Center offers the region’s most advanced care.

Of course, you’ll receive excellent care whether you choose to participate in a clinical trial or to receive our standard therapies.
The more you know about cancer clinical trials, the easier your choice will be. For example, did you know that cancer clinical trials almost never involve a placebo (a sugar pill or inactive ingredient)?

Facts

Cancer clinical trials rarely use a placebo. Everyone in a cancer clinical trial receives, at a minimum, the most appropriate standard treatment.

New cancer treatments are thoroughly tested in the laboratory, often for many years, before they become available to patients in clinical trials.

Only the most promising new treatments reach the clinical trial stage.
What are clinical trials all about?

Facts
Patients in clinical trials are closely followed by a team of top physicians, researchers, nurses and social workers.

The choice to enter a clinical trial is always up to you.

You can withdraw from a cancer clinical trial at any time.
Thanks to a new California law, cancer clinical trials are nearly always covered by insurance. If your health insurance plan requires a copayment or deductible, you will still have to pay those expenses. But by law, most of the costs of participating in a cancer clinical trial will be covered.

Will my health insurance cover this?

The California clinical trials law gives you the freedom to think about taking part in a cancer clinical trial without having to worry about how you will pay for it.

The new law gives you the chance to focus on the most important part of your treatment – you.
control

Maybe now’s the time to take control by finding out more about cancer clinical trials. If your doctor doesn’t bring up the subject, you can. Or you can seek a second opinion.

By participating in a clinical trial, you can take an active role in your treatment.
How do I know if I can participate?

You may want to write down your questions about clinical trials. Some questions you may want to ask your doctor:

- How might this trial help me?
- Who will review the trial and monitor my care?
- What are the potential risks and benefits compared to standard treatment?
A clinical trial gives you access to the most advanced techniques and procedures, often before they become widely available. In most cases these treatments are covered by insurance, and available right here in the Sacramento area.
What do I do next?

Find out more about cancer clinical trials, exactly what they are and how you can participate. Call 1-800-2-UCDAVIS or visit www.ucdaviscancerclinicaltrials.org.

You just may find the most powerful word in your life is no longer cancer, but confidence.
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