Clinical trials and stroke

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introduction

This booklet is about taking part in clinical trials.

It will answer your questions.
introduction

Treatment.

Stroke survivors will receive treatment in hospital.
introduction

Treatment.

Medicine helps you get better from your stroke.
introduction

Treatment.

Therapy helps you get better after your stroke.
introduction

Medicine and therapies need to be tested.

This is called a **clinical trial**.
clinical trials

Testing medicines and therapies.

May *stop others* having a stroke.
clinical trials

Testing medicines and therapies.

Helps others in the future.
clinical trials – risks

There may be risks.

The Doctor will tell you about them.
taking part

Not everyone can take part.

clot stroke

bleed stroke
taking part

You may be given a **new medicine**.
You may be given a ‘**placebo**’.
**Placebo** has no effect.
taking part

The trial may take a long time.

You may have to answer questions.
taking part

All stroke trials are different.

You may be asked to give blood.
taking part

All stroke trials are different.

You may be asked to take medicines.
taking part

All stroke trials are different.

You may have extra therapy. You may have extra scans.
consent

You will have to sign a consent form.

You agree to take part.
You can stop at any time.

You do not need to say why.
consent

Your personal details will be safe.
people you may meet

Doctors
Nurses
Physiotherapists
Speech and Language Therapists
Occupational Therapists
The trial follows a plan.

The plan is checked by the ethics committee. The ethics committee make sure it is safe.
Stroke Association is a UK wide charity.

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www.stroke.org.uk
The Stroke Research Network is part of The National Institute for Health Research

We support stroke research in the NHS.

We have studies that cover a whole range of stroke research areas e.g. prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care.

We involve people who have had a stroke in our network. We also involve carers in our network.

www.strokeresearch.nihr.ac.uk