

Why should I talk to my patients about clinical trials?



Progress in lung cancer research is moving very quickly and clinical trials may offer a life-saving treatment your practice can't provide. It is crucial that patients learn about their options.

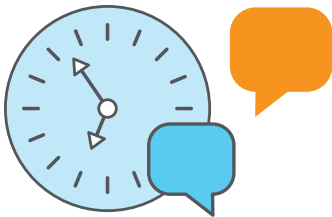
As a lung cancer practitioner, you may not always be aware of the latest developments, but you want to provide the best possible treatment options. Clinical trials may be a way to help.

Considering options for clinical trials in initial treatment discussions can help ensure patients are not excluded from any trials based on previous treatments.



How can I help my patients?

- Patients who are offered an appropriate trial may have the opportunity to receive cutting-edge treatment along with excellent care.
- After talking with your patient about a clinical trial, they will likely have many questions. Consider providing an “About Clinical Trials” handout and additional resources in your office. Common questions may include: benefits, risks, costs, and safety.



What should I do next?

Stay up-to-date on available trials in your area and include clinical trial options in conversations with your patients when appropriate. Information is available at **LCAM.org**.



The Lung Cancer Awareness Month Coalition is a group of leading international research and advocacy organizations. For additional resources, please visit **LCAM.org**.