The cancer treatments today are available because patients like you agreeing to participate in a clinical trial.

Clinical trials are an important treatment option to consider if you or a loved one is dealing with cancer. Many of the treatments we have in Canada today are available thanks to people like you volunteering to take part in a clinical trial. Not all clinical trials are about drugs or treatments, clinical trials have helped develop screening processes and prevention methods to find better treatments that improve the lives of cancer patients.

CCTG conducts cancer clinical trials that look at the value of exercise and diet, new combinations of drugs as well as emerging therapies in precision medicine and immunotherapies.

Are you considering a cancer clinical trial as part of your treatment path?

There is a list of all of the CCTG trials that are open to patients that can be found here: [CCTG Clinical Trials - Public](https://www.ctg.queensu.ca). A complete listing of clinical trials being conducted across Canada, including the locations where they are being conducted, can be found in the searchable database located on this site: [Canadian Cancer Trials](https://www.toolkitGX.com/). In addition to trials being conducted by CCTG, several other clinical trials being conducted by other groups may also be available. This site has a searchable database of not only CCTG trials but any cancer clinical trial being conducted in Canada, subscribe to their trial alert to be notified by e-mail when a new trial for a selected type of cancer or location becomes available.
### HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN A CANCER CLINICAL TRIAL

Are you considering taking part in a cancer clinical trial? Many of the cancer treatments available today are because of individuals like you volunteering to take part.

**UNDERSTAND**
Talk with your health care team to understand the nature of your diagnosis. Ask if there are trials that would be right for you.

**CANADIANCANCERTRIALS.CA**
Search for information on the canadiancancertrials.ca website. This is a great resource to find out more about available clinical trials.

**AVAILABLE TRIALS**
Take a close look at the available trials. Is the trial accepting patients? Is the trial available at your cancer center?

**DOCTOR**
Talk to your DOCTOR about any trials you might be interested in. Your health care team may also be aware of other trials.

**INFORMED CONSENT**
If you find the right trial then you will sign an INFORMED CONSENT form. Read this document carefully before signing.

**TESTS**
Next you will be asked to undergo some TESTS to ensure that the trial is right for you and you are eligible to participate in the trial!

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**Who is the Canadian Cancer Trials Group?**

The Canadian Cancer Trials Group (CCTG) is a cancer research cooperative group that designs and conducts multidisciplinary clinical trials to improve the practice of medicine in preventing, detecting, and treating cancer, and to enhance the quality of life for cancer survivors. Primary support for CCTG comes from the [Canadian Cancer Society](https://www.cancer.ca).
In 2016 CCTG led or was involved in 113 active trials* (shown below) relating to more than 20 different cancer types.

16,682 Canadian patients and 12,584 patients outside of Canada have participated in these trials since they began.

Trials took place in 94 centres in communities all across Canada (shown below).

Trials involved 24 countries outside of Canada.

1,145 Canadians were newly enrolled in trials in 2016 (shown below).

* A trial can be active in multiple provinces. In addition, an active trial can be closed to patient accrual.

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