Clinical trials are planned research studies conducted to answer specific questions relating to new treatment that convey new life-changing drugs and devices. Each study answers scientific questions and tries to find better ways to prevent, diagnose or treat a disease. Every clinical trial has a protocol, or action plan, for conducting the trial. The action plan describes what will be performing in the study, how it will be conducted, and why each part of the study is necessary. Each research study has its own regulations about who can participate. Some studies need volunteers with a certain disease. Some need healthy people. Others want just men or just women.

At the Cancer Institute at Alexian Brothers we are committed to advancing biomedical innovation and furthering the knowledge of healthcare professionals. We put this commitment into practice every day by conducting Oncology Clinical trials.

Learning to have cancer can be overwhelming for both patients and their family. Patients may have heard about treatment options, and may be uncertain about cancer therapy. We are performing more than 20 studies at our Cancer Institute.

Our research helps our physician investigators and other healthcare professionals--to better treat cancer patients. Plus, it gives our patients access to new treatments and therapies, but they can't happen without clinical trial participants. Browse our sites to view information about many of the clinical trials conducted here. We have the location http://www.alexianbrothershealth.org/service/clinical_trials (which is a link to our cancer-alexian.org website for the cancer institute). The Cancer Institute website now has the protocols listing. We updated all our new open protocols there. You may also search nationwide databases or contact us for more clinical trials. You may also visit the NCI Web site at http://cancer.gov/ for NCI's clinical trials information, go to: http://cancer.gov/clinicaltrials/.

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