



Volunteering in **RESEARCH**



What questions should I ask before I volunteer?

Here are some questions you might ask before deciding to take part in a research study at a VA Medical Center or clinic.

- Who is doing this study and what question might it answer?
- Who reviewed or approved this study?
- How long will this study last?
- What could happen to me, good or bad, if I take part in this study?
- What tests or procedures will I have during the study?
- Who will be told I am taking part in this study?
- Will this research help in understanding my condition? If so, how?
- Is it possible that I will receive a placebo (inactive substance)?
- What happens to any specimens that I give?
- Could my condition get worse during the study? What happens if it does?
- What other options or choices do I have if I decide not to take part in this study?
- Who will be in charge of my care? Will I be able to continue seeing my own doctor?
- Will I be charged anything or paid anything to be in this study?
- If I decide to participate in this study, how will it affect my daily life?
- Will I have to make extra trips to the VA?
- What will happen to me at the end of the study?
- Will I be told the results of the study?
- How do I end my participation in this study if I change my mind?
- Whom do I contact for questions and information about the study?