

Clinical Trials

The FirstHealth Clinical Trials department conducts research studies to determine whether new drugs, treatments, devices or approaches are safe and effective. Clinical trials may also look at prevention of disease. All study participants are volunteers. Most studies answer scientific questions and try to find better ways to prevent, screen for, diagnose or treat a disease.

All drugs and devices in the U.S. undergo extensive testing by the FDA before being approved for use. Many of these studies are supported by NIH-sponsored cooperative groups or manufacturers.

Currently, the Clinical Trials department conducts trials specializing in cancer treatments, cardiac care and many other specialties.

Patients are generally referred for clinical trials by their physician, when he or she believes the patient may be eligible for a specific clinical trial. Patients may also self-refer if they think they may be eligible for a specific trial.

For more information or to refer a patient, please call (910) 715-2200 or visit www.firsthealth.org/clinicaltrials.



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