Linda Willies, lupus patient and LFATGCC Board Member discusses her 10 year experience in a clinical trial.
Participating in Clinical Trials

- Thoughts and emotions surrounding deciding to participate in a clinical trial
  - Why should I contemplate joining a clinical trial?
  - What about the bad reputation that clinical trials have gotten in the past? Should I be scared?
  - How do I know if I will qualify?
Who should you talk to when making a decision? Where should I turn?

- What if my doctor is not participating in the clinical trial
- Where can I turn to find out more about what clinical trials are available in my area?
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Tips on talking to family and friends about participating in a clinical trial

- How do I explain what a clinical trial is to my family and friends?
- How do I explain to a child about clinical trials?
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- What should I expect to do once I decide to join a clinical trial
  - Consent Forms
  - Physical Examinations
  - Labs & Test
- What will the cost be for me?
- What happens if I am excepted?
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- Visits
  - Facility (Dr. Office, infusion clinic, hospital)
  - How often is the procedure
  - How long does it take?
  - Will I need someone to help take care of me?
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- Possible side effects
  - How do I know if I am having a reaction to the medication?
  - When do I know that my side effect is serious enough to call my physician or nurse?
What should I expect once the clinical trial is underway and things are going well?
- Build relationships with the clinical trial staff
- Become an advocate for clinical trials
- Educate others about the safety and benefits of clinical trials