

Linda Willies, lupus patient and
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discusses her 10 year experience
in a clinical trial



Lupus

Participating in Clinical Trials



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- 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?



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- 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?



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- 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