

Questions to ask

- Will taking part in the research affect any treatment I am receiving or might receive?
- What are the possible risks or side effects?
- Will taking part in the research help me personally?
- Are there any costs to me for participating?
- Must I participate in order to receive other services?
- What if I decide to leave the study?



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RESEARCH PARTICIPATION AT UIC

FACTS TO CONSIDER



The University of Illinois at Chicago is a major teaching and research institution. Researchers at UIC are working on many different projects to learn more about a wide variety of health and social problems as well as ways to prevent illness and improve care and social programs.



You may be interested in taking part in one of the research studies at UIC. Here is some information that may help you in your decision.

What is research?

- Research is done to provide an answer to a question.
- Research is sometimes called a study, clinical trial, protocol, survey, or experiment.
- Research must be reviewed and approved by a review board before inviting people to take part.

What is informed consent?

- Informed consent is the process of learning about a research study.
- The research staff discusses the research study with you and gives you a consent form that explains the study in detail.
- You will have a chance to ask questions before deciding whether you'd like to take part in the research.

Research has led to many important discoveries that have improved our community's health and welfare:

- New ways to treat cancer, diabetes, stroke and communicable disease;
- Improved educational programs for elementary, high school and college students;
- X-ray, ultrasound, other tests to help in diagnosis of disease;
- Successful methods to help people quit smoking;
- New vaccines;
- Programs to manage obesity;
- Programs to help families with children with learning disabilities; and
- Better understanding of how we interact with one another as a society.

YOU must decide if taking part in research is right for you.

- Know what will happen to you during the study.
- Understand the time involved.
- Ask questions.
- Learn as much as you can.
- Take the time you need to consider your decision.
- Understand that taking part in research is **voluntary**.

