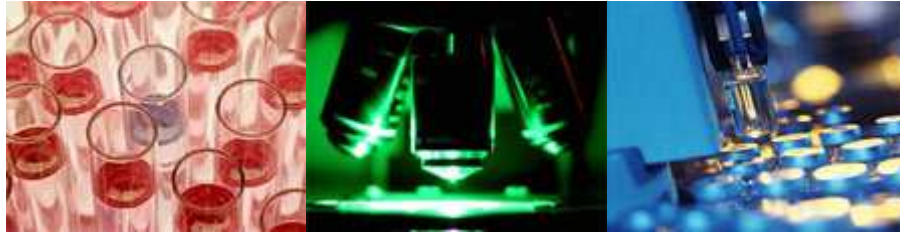


Clinical Trials



[Clinical Trials Overview](#) (requires [QuickTime](#))

Urology Associates is currently involved in several clinical trials performed in our office. If you or someone you know may be interested in participating in one of our competitive studies, please ask your Doctor or our Research Department for additional information.

What is a Clinical Trial?

A Clinical Trial is part of a process that the pharmaceutical industry must follow in order to bring a drug and/or treatment device to the public. Trials are carefully monitored and well-developed studies to answer specific human health questions. These trials can help determine if a new drug is helpful for a specific condition, or if a drug currently available might be useful for a different treatment. Trials are conducted under the supervision of your doctor, the drug company, an independent review board and the FDA. Every trial is different in terms of who can participate and what the participation entails.

Why participate in a Clinical Trial?

Clinical Trials allow you to gain access to new treatment alternatives, before they reach the public. In addition, your role in a trial helps contribute to our scientific understanding and provide treatments for others who may suffer from a particular disorder.

Who can participate in a Clinical Trial?

Each trial has a different set of Inclusion/Exclusion criteria. The inclusion criteria lists the items necessary to participate in the trial (e.g. female, diagnosed with Overactive Bladder). Exclusion criteria lists the items that, if you have them, would exclude you from being able to participate in that trial (e.g. heart problems, taking certain other medications, drug abuse). These criteria help keep the trial safe and allow the researchers to find valuable information about the study medication/treatment. Speak with the Clinical Research Coordinator about which trial might be right for you.

What is Informed Consent?

Informed consent is the participant's way of learning all of the important information about study participation. Each participant is required to read and sign the consent prior to beginning any study procedures. You should carefully go over this document with the study coordinator and ask questions regarding anything you don't understand or would like more information about. This document will inform the participant of any risks and/or benefits. Also, keep this document on file throughout your participation in the study because it contains important

contact information should you need to get in touch with your study doctor. In addition, this document should contain information about the external review board that is overseeing the study.

What should people consider before participating in a trial?

As a participant in any clinical trial you should feel comfortable with the study, the staff and your care. Before beginning the trial be sure to ask questions about what you can expect and what the purpose of the trial is. Get to know the clinical trial coordinator. It is important in a trial that you keep an accurate record of any side effects you might experience and/or other medications you take. If you are unsure of whether a medication is allowed, call your coordinator first. Let your other doctors know that you are participating in a trial and be sure that it will not conflict with other treatments you might need to be on. It is important that you are able to follow the directions associated with the study treatment, so if you have vacations or procedures planned for the future, be sure to let the study staff know about this prior to signing the informed consent.

Can a participant leave a trial after it has begun?

Yes. You can leave your trial for any reason, at any time. What is important to keep in mind is that you need to work with your study team prior to just stopping the treatment. Often, for your safety, there is a taper-down phase included in the trial so that you don't have any side effects from stopping the medication. Also, it is important for the study team to be able to collect closing information on you prior to ending the study. Please contact the study coordinator and discuss this process with him/her before altering your regimen.

We have several opportunities for Clinical Trials participation at Urology Associates. We conduct trials in all areas of Urology, including, but not limited to:

- Prostate Cancer
- BPH
- Overactive Bladder
- Erectile Dysfunction
- Bladder Cancer
- Renal Cell Carcinoma

If you would like more information on our Clinical Trials department, or would like to learn about participating please contact our Clinical Trials Director, Susan Brockmeyer, at 516.627.6188 ext. 195.



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participating in clinical trials and for research professionals.

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[ClinicalTrials.gov](#)

A service of the National Institutes of Health, Clinicaltrials.gov provides patients, families, and members of the public with easy access to information about the location of clinical trials, their design and purpose, criteria for participation, and, in many cases, further information about the disease and treatment under study. There are also contacts to individuals responsible for recruiting participants for each study.

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