

Participating in Research Studies

Research can be transformational – it can help us uncover new information about prevention, diagnosis, and treatment, and improve the experiences and health outcomes of people living with lung conditions.

Why Should I Participate in Research?

Participating in research is entirely your choice. The potential results of research studies could help you, or people you know. When you participate in a research study, you might also gain access to specific treatments that are not yet available to the public.

What are my Rights as a Research Participant?

If you are considering participation in a research study, you have the following rights:

Consent to Participation:

- To have an appropriate amount of time to decide whether you want to participate
- To make your decision about participation without any pressure from those who are performing the research study
- To decline participation in the study, or to stop participation at any time after the study begins

Purpose and Methods:

- To know what the study's objective or purpose is
- To know what will happen to participants, what drugs or devices will be used in the study, what you will be asked to do in the study, etc.

Benefits and Risks:

- To know what the possible risks are of participating in the study
- To know what the possible benefits are of participating in the study

Privacy:

- To know who will have access to the information collected from you
- To be told about how your confidentiality will be maintained and protected

Contact:

- To be given time to ask questions, and to be told who to contact if you have any questions about the research study
- To know who to contact if you choose to withdraw from the study at a later date

Documentation:

- To receive a copy of the study information and consent form that you will sign