CANCER PROGRAM

Nationally recognized, Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center is the area's leading provider of comprehensive health care with centers of excellence in cancer, heart and vascular, kidney stones, and women and children's services. We also have an award-winning emergency department and neighborhood health centers for quality health care close to home. Through our expert physicians and advanced technology, we offer the perfect blend of state-of-the-art medical treatment and personalized care.

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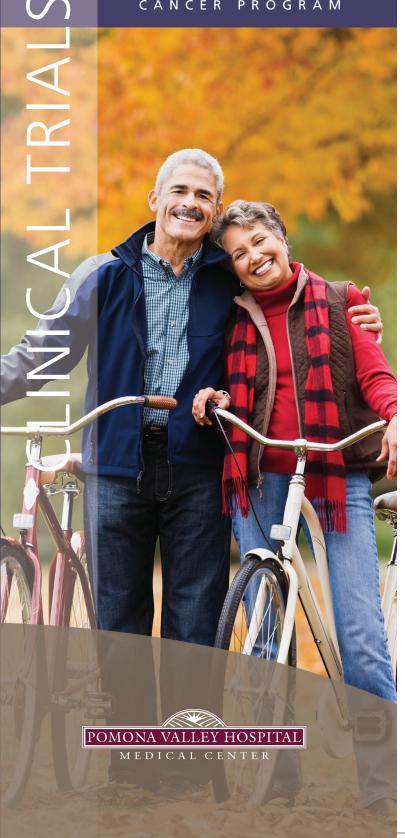


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There are many different types and sponsors of clinical trials/research. The National Cancer Institute sponsors some while academic institutions, pharmaceutical companies, major hospitals, private physicians and cooperative groups sponsor others. All play an important role in diversifying the range of oncology clinical research and increasing access to trials at a community level.

## THE BENEFITS OF RESEARCH

Radiation Therapy Oncology Group (RTOG) is an example of one of the many cooperative groups that conduct research projects for the National Cancer Institute. Many organizations are involved in researching unique treatments for the prevention or potential cure for cancer as well as measuring the impact of new treatments on the quality of life for cancer patients. Cooperative groups are nationally based organizations but usually have local partnerships with major research institutions in metropolitan areas. These groups may study many different types of cancer or a cancer sub-category based on gender or age, focusing on the efficacy of new treatment modalities or treatment regimes.

Clinical trials strive to answer important scientific questions and suggest future research directive. Access to cooperative group clinical research allows patients to be proactive and informed about their cancer treatment options. Thanks to progress made through clinical trials, many cancer patients are now living longer.

## NO COST FOR PATIENT PARTICIPATION

Insurance companies often cover the costs of chemotherapy and/or radiation, as these treatments are often already FDA approved and considered the standard of care for cancer treatment (some exceptions may apply). For new treatments that have not been approved by the FDA, the group sponsoring the study typically provides the service at no cost to the patient.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND HELPFUL RESOURCES

All clinical trials conducted at our Center are first reviewed and approved by the Institutional Review Board (IRB). For information regarding the IRB process, contact the Coordinator at 909.865.9692.

For more information regarding oncology clinical trials that may apply to you, please ask your physician or contact the Clinical Trials Coordinator at 909.865.9898 (ext. 2875). Current clinical trials that are offered at our center are listed on our website.

The following resources may also be helpful:

National Cancer Institute

1.800.4cancer (1.800.422.6237); www.cancer.gov

Clinical Trials Support Unit (CTSU) www.CTSU.org

Radiation Therapy Oncology Group (RTOG) www.RTOG.org

**Coalition of National Cancer Cooperative Groups** www.cancertrialshelp.org

