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What will happen during and after a clinical trial? How will a trial affect my quality of life? What are the benefits and risks of a trial? What does giving consent mean and what will it involve? Will I incur costs during and because of the trial? These are the questions that should be raised every time a health care professional talks through with a patient the pros and cons of entering a clinical trial. Clinical Trials Explained has been designed in consultation with doctors and patients who have taken part in trials, providing an essential and detailed guide.

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