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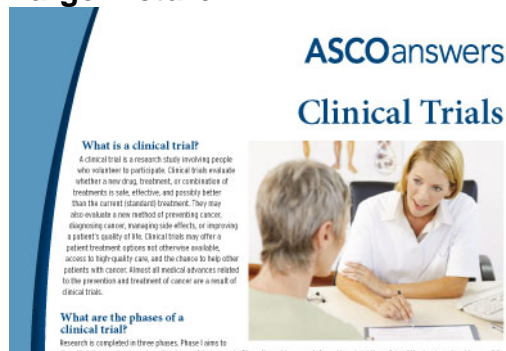
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### Blurb:

Booklets and fact sheets [2] for patients & caregivers

### Large Picture :



The image shows the cover of a booklet titled "ASCO answers Clinical Trials". The cover features a photograph of a healthcare professional in a white lab coat talking to an elderly patient. To the left of the photo, there is text explaining what a clinical trial is and the phases of a clinical trial.

**ASCO answers**  
**Clinical Trials**

**What is a clinical trial?**  
A clinical trial is a research study involving people who volunteer to participate. Clinical trials evaluate whether a new drug, treatment, or combination of treatments is safe, effective, and possibly better than the current (standard) treatment. They may also evaluate a new method of preventing cancer, diagnosing cancer, managing side effects, or improving a patient's quality of life. Clinical trials may offer a patient treatment options not otherwise available, access to high-quality care, and the chance to help other patients with cancer. Almost all medical advances related to the prevention and treatment of cancer are a result of clinical trials.

**What are the phases of a clinical trial?**  
Research is completed in three phases. Phase I aims to

### Links:

[1] <http://www.cancer.net/asco-answers-printed-materials>

[2] <http://www.cancer.net/node/24>