

# Clinical Trials: Breaking Down Access Barriers

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# Learning objectives

At the conclusion of this session, attendees will be able to:

- Describe barriers patients and families face enrolling in clinical trials
- Describe barriers health professionals and researchers face recruiting patients for clinical trials
- Identify 1 systems-based strategy to improve access to clinical trials

# The Importance of Clinical Trials

- Overall survival for some cancer diagnoses is significantly higher for patients participating in clinical trials versus those who do not, however, fewer than 10% of cancer patients participate.<sup>1</sup>
- There are many barriers to enrollment into trials at the system level and for researchers, health professionals, patients and their caregivers.

1. Sarkar RR, Matsuno R, Murphy JD. (2016). Pancreatic cancer: Survival in clinical trials versus the real world. *Journal of Clinical Oncology*. 34, 2016 (suppl 4S; abstr 216).

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# Jason Carter Clinical Trials Program

- **Clinical Trials Patient Education Specialist** to provide one-on-one support for patients and families by answering questions and helping navigate their specific clinical trials search.
- **Easy-to-use, web-based search tool** to find relevant clinical trials.  
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- **Educational resources** for patients and families to help them understand clinical trials.

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