

## Important topics to discuss with the study team

This guide outlines important topics about cancer research and the PATHFINDER 2 Study to talk about with the study team if you're considering taking part in the study.

### 1. I currently have no symptoms. Why is it important for me to have cancer screening tests?

Cancer screening tests are designed to check for cancer in people who have no symptoms. Early detection of cancer may increase the chance for more effective treatment options as well as the chances for survival.

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### 2. Why are some people more likely to develop certain types of cancers and have worse outcomes?

Even though the number of overall cancer cases in the United States is decreasing and the chances for overall survival are increasing, there are known risk factors that can increase a person's chances of developing certain cancers.

Many factors, including ancestry, race and ethnicity, cost of health care, and geographic location, can affect your health, including cancer risk and outcomes. For example, African American and Native American men and women are more likely to be diagnosed with colorectal cancer than non-Hispanic White men and women ("Cancer Stat Facts: Cancer Disparities." SEER 22 2015-2019. National Cancer Institute, <https://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/disparities.html>).

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### 3. Why is it important that people from all types of backgrounds participate in clinical studies?

Science shows that the risks of developing cancer can vary among subgroups of people, yet certain populations are underrepresented in clinical research. It is important that the people participating in clinical trials represent diverse groups to ensure that products being approved are safe and effective for ALL people and that better decisions can be made based on the research results.

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### 4. How would being in the PATHFINDER 2 Study be different from standard cancer screening tests?

Currently, only 4 cancers have recommended screening in North America: breast, cervical, colon, and lung (in people with a history of heavy smoking). The study test used in the PATHFINDER 2 Study is designed to detect a shared signal across more than 50 types of cancer. Even so, if you join the study, you should continue to receive all cancer screening tests that your doctor recommends.

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**5. If the study test detects a cancer signal in my blood, what happens next?**

If the study test detects a cancer signal, you will be notified by phone call, virtual visit, or at an in-person visit to the study site. You will then discuss with your study doctor or your primary care doctor which additional tests you will need to confirm the presence of cancer. The study test result is **not** a diagnosis of cancer.

**a. Who will order additional testing?**

It will be up to you if you would like the study doctor or your primary care doctor to decide which tests are needed.

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**b. Who will be responsible for the cost of these tests?**

The study sponsor will cover the costs of the additional tests until either a cancer diagnosis is confirmed or the doctor determines that no additional diagnostic tests are needed.

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**c. Who will be responsible for the cost of any treatments I may need?**

You and/or your insurance will be responsible for the costs of any treatments you need in the event of a cancer diagnosis.

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**d. Who will be in charge of my care?**

If additional tests confirm a diagnosis of cancer, you will be responsible for choosing a specialist to be in charge of your cancer care.

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**6. If the study test does not detect a cancer signal in my blood, will I still need to have cancer screening tests?**

Yes. A study test result of "Cancer signal not detected" does not guarantee that you do not have cancer or that you will not develop cancer in the future. You should continue to have any cancer screening tests that your doctor recommends.

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**7. My concerns about participating in a clinical trial (for example, transportation to study visits, missing work, or needing childcare in order to attend visits):**

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**a. How the study team may provide their support to help me overcome these concerns:**

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**Notes and additional questions**

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