If your cancer is not responding to standard treatments, a clinical trial could become an important option for you.

Mary Crowley Cancer Research is a specialized clinical research center that offers access to new investigational therapies through the administration of Phase I and II clinical trials. Our approach is to rapidly advance the discovery of potential new therapies and positively impact the care of cancer patients in their lifetime.

“When everyone else gave up on me, Mary Crowley stepped in and gave me hope.”
Elisa Martin

“Most people think you are treated like a lab rat, which is the furthest thing from the truth. I have never been so well taken care of.”
Connie West

“I have received excellent care at Mary Crowley. They are like family to me!”
Bill Lish
**What are Phase I and Phase II clinical trials?**

The goal of any clinical trial is to identify new and more effective treatments. In Phase I clinical trials, physician investigators evaluate safety, tolerated dosage, side effects and how well the new agent may work. In Phase II trials, the goal is to further evaluate safety, optimal dosing and to measure the effectiveness of the new agent. We conduct Phase I and II clinical trials on personalized genomic and immune therapies.

**Why should I consider participating in a clinical trial?**

You will have access to new investigational therapies at Mary Crowley that are personalized to your particular cancer. Through your participation, you will also be contributing to the body of progress we make against cancer. The National Cancer Institute suggests a clinical trial is an option for you to evaluate at any time during your cancer diagnosis. It is a myth that clinical trials are only for individuals with advanced cancer.

**What will my care be like on a clinical trial?**

Your care is our focus. We select scientifically based clinical trials to meet the needs of our patient population. With a staff to patient ratio of two to one, monitoring and oversight is at the highest level. Multiple physician investigators and clinical staff closely observe your safety during the clinical trial and evaluate how your cancer is responding. We continually keep your primary oncologist informed of your progress.

**Do I need to leave my primary oncologist?**

Your established relationship with your primary oncologist will not be replaced by Mary Crowley. Our team works closely with your oncologist to provide you with additional options if standard treatments are no longer working effectively. Should you elect to participate in a clinical trial, your oncologist will continue to play an important role during your trial participation and offer additional medical oversight. You may ask your oncologist at any time during your treatment process about clinical trial options for your type of cancer, or you may call our center for more information.

**What can genomics tell me about my cancer?**

Your cancer is different from any other patient’s, even if the cancer originated in the same area of the body. Genomic testing of your cancer provides us with vital information about your particular cancer, such as the genetic mutations driving your cancer. With this knowledge, we are better able to align you with a clinical trial that is designed to target the specific mutations causing the growth of your cancer.

**How much does it cost to participate in a clinical trial?**

Your insurance company or the pharmaceutical company providing the investigational therapy typically covers the cost of participating in a clinical trial. However, you may undergo some procedures that are not considered part of the trial and, in this case, the cost would be billed to your insurance company. Depending on your coverage, you may be responsible for co-pays or a percentage of these costs. You may discuss any concerns about additional costs prior to enrolling into a clinical trial.

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