

Immunotherapy clinical trials for blood cancers and nonmalignant disorders

The University of Kansas Cancer Center offers a number of immunotherapy clinical trials.

The following provides information about clinical trials, including who can join and how to make travel arrangements. By taking part in a clinical trial, you will benefit from the expertise of the region's largest hematologic malignancy and blood and marrow transplant program.

What is immunotherapy?

This biological therapy uses the body's immune system to fight cancer, including leukemia and lymphoma. Specific cells are removed from your body and modified or reprogrammed. When reinfused into your bloodstream, those cells have the ability to "hunt and destroy" the dangerous cancer cells.

How to take part in a trial

Each clinical trial has its own set of rules that determines who may take part. Physicians follow these guidelines when deciding who can enroll. Criteria may include your age, gender, type and stage of disease, prior treatment and other medical conditions. We are also limited on the number of participants for each trial.

Does my doctor need to refer me to a study?

No. You can contact us directly. If you are accepted into a trial, we will contact your primary care doctor or oncologist.



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How do I get started?

There are two options for inquiry. You can complete and submit our immunotherapy trial form at kucancercenter.org/immunotherapy, or you can call us toll-free **844-323-1227** or **913-588-1227** weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Central Standard Time. For international callers, dial **00-1-913-588-1227**. We will contact you within 24 hours of receiving your message.

What to expect when we contact you

To assess your eligibility for a trial, we will contact your doctor(s) and request your medical records, including any recent tests and lab results. To do this, we will ask you for:

- Physician/healthcare provider names
- Physician/healthcare provider locations
- Insurance provider and group number

Will my insurance cover a trial?

Not all health insurance plans cover clinical trials. Our patient financial counselors will assess your insurance coverage prior to your initial visit.

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What if I am not a local resident?

If you live outside the Kansas City area, we help you arrange travel and lodging and identify local amenities. You must remain in the Kansas City metro during your time in a trial, if you are not a local resident.

Where can I find travel and lodging information?

During your time in a trial, you must stay in Kansas City, if you are not a resident. Our concierge service is here to assist you with lodging, transportation and other amenities. Contact our dedicated travel consultant and concierge assistant toll-free at **844-323-1227**, then **press 4** to speak with a travel concierge. For international callers, dial **00-1-913-588-1227**. Our travel concierge is available weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Central Standard Time. Ask the concierge to send or email you a Patient Comfort and Travel Guide for information on nearby lodging, dining and other amenities.

The future of immunotherapy

The University of Kansas Cancer Center and The University of Kansas Hospital are developing a Center for Immunotherapy that will:

- Expand research to develop more clinical trials and treatments for different types of cancer.
- Expand access and ability to treat an ever-increasing number of cancer patients from throughout the region and the nation.

Your investment in the success we've achieved, and in our potential success, will help one day cure cancer.

To make a gift or learn more about how you can help, please contact Courtney Johanning at 913-588-4704 or cjohanning@kumc.edu.

Learn more.

Patients: 913-588-1227 | toll-free 844-323-1227
Physicians: 913-588-5862 | toll-free 877-588-5862
International callers
00-1-913-588-1227

Travel Concierge:
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