

# Myeloma Matrix 2.0: Smart Search

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) lists thousands of studies on ClinicalTrials.gov, but navigating that enormous database to find one that best meets your needs is challenging.

The IMF's **Myeloma Matrix 2.0: Smart Search** clinical trial search tool, developed by the IMF and SmartPatients.com, uses up-to-the-minute data from cancer.gov and makes it possible to find a clinical trial using the following criteria:

- location
- drug name
- drug type
- trial phase
- where you are in the disease process (newly diagnosed, smoldering myeloma, maintenance therapy, or relapsed/refractory).

Another important feature of *Myeloma Matrix 2.0* is its ability to create a pathway for conversations among patients participating in a specific trial.

Because the database is updated continually, you don't have to worry about missing deadlines and being too late to be considered for a trial.

*Myeloma Matrix 2.0* makes the search for a clinical trial as worry-free for patients and caregivers as possible.

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# ***Understanding Clinical Trials***

Clinical trials help answer scientific questions, determine which dosages of drugs are effective and well tolerated, compare the relative benefits of different therapies, identify potential negative side effects, and improve quality of life.

One of the critical decisions you and your oncologist may have to make at some point in your disease course is whether or not to participate in a clinical trial.

Participation may offer an opportunity to:

- receive treatment with a promising therapy before it has been approved,
- afford access to a therapy that would otherwise be too expensive, and
- provide high-quality care while helping move research forward for the benefit of other patients now and in the future.

The IMF's ***Understanding Clinical Trials*** booklet will help you discuss your options knowledgeably with your oncologist when you are making treatment decisions.

The booklet includes the following topics:

- What are the phases of a clinical trial?
- What is informed consent?
- How can clinical trials change and improve patient survival?
- When is the right time to participate in clinical trials?
- What does "eligibility criteria" mean?
- Will insurance cover clinical trials?
- How do I know if I am responding to the therapy in a clinical trial?

IMF educational materials are available by mail or online at **[myeloma.org/publications](https://myeloma.org/publications)** and the ***Understanding Clinical Trials*** booklet can be accessed directly at **[myeloma.org/pdfs/U-ClinicalTrials.pdf](https://myeloma.org/pdfs/U-ClinicalTrials.pdf)**.

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