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Sometimes a clinical trial gives you access to new therapies that are not yet available at most hospitals. Talk with your doctor about whether joining a clinical trial is right for you.

Clinical trials are designed to answer questions about:

Safety

Benefits

Side effects

Whether some people are helped more than others

MSK will start a clinical trial only if our researchers think we can improve methods for cancer:

Prevention

Treatment

Diagnosis

Screening

For more information, please read [Clinical Trials at MSK: What You Need to Know](#).

MSK is developing or improving treatments for people with bladder cancer.

We led the way in developing [immunotherapy drugs for advanced bladder cancer](#).

Our patients were among the first to get atezolizumab (Tencentriq®) as part of a clinical trial. Based on this research, it became the first new drug approved for bladder cancer in more than 20 years.

Our researchers also directed studies that led to the approval of pembrolizumab (Keytruda®) for bladder cancer.

Current bladder cancer research at MSK

Our current research focuses on genetics and people with bladder cancer. We're looking at who is more likely to respond well to these immunotherapy drugs, based on the genetic makeup of their tumors.

We're always looking for ways to make these immunotherapy drugs work better in more people. That includes combining a checkpoint inhibitor with chemotherapy, and testing combinations of checkpoint inhibitors.

MSK researchers also are exploring ways to improve responses to bladder cancer treatments other than immunotherapy.

Our experts can help determine which clinical trial is right for you, including some of our newly opened clinical trials:

[21-166 A Phase II Study of Oral Erdafitinib in People with Recurrent Non-Invasive Bladder Cancer](#)

[21-314 A Phase I Study of 2141-V11 Immunotherapy in People with Non-Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer that Did Not Respond to Standard Treatment](#)

[19-374 A Phase I/II Study Assessing the Addition of Gemcitabine to BCG Treatment in People with High-Grade Non-Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer that Returned after Prior BCG](#)

[17-602 A Phase II Study of Pembrolizumab Immunotherapy as Initial Therapy for High-Risk Non-Muscle-Invasive Bladder Cancer](#)

[18-460 A Phase II Study of Chemotherapy without Surgery in Patients with Muscle-Invasive Bladder Cancer and Certain Gene Mutations](#)

You can see a current listing of MSK's clinical trials for bladder cancer below.

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and/or

Trial phase:

27 Clinical Trials found

[A Genotype-Phenotype Urothelial Cancer Study](#)

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[A Phase 1 Study of TYRA-300 in People with Advanced Bladder Cancer](#)

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[A Phase 1/2 Study of Combination Drug Treatments for People With Urothelial Carcinoma](#)

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[A Phase 1/2 Study of VLS-1488 in People With Various Types of Cancer](#)

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[A Phase 1a Study of AVA6000 in People with Solid Tumors](#)

Diseases: [Bladder Cancer](#), [Breast Cancer](#), [Colorectal Cancer: Colon Cancer](#), [Colorectal Cancer: Rectal Cancer](#), [Head & Neck Cancer](#), [Hepatobiliary](#), [Hepatobiliary: Pancreatic Cancer](#), [Lung Cancer](#), [Non-Small Cell](#), [Ovarian Cancer](#), [Prostate Cancer: Metastatic Disease after Hormone-Reducing Therapy](#), [Sarcomas](#), [Solid Tumors](#), [Upper Gastrointestinal: Esophageal Cancer](#), [Upper Gastrointestinal: Pancreatic Cancer](#)

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[A Phase 1B/2 Study of ACR-368 Alone and with Gemcitabine in People with Ovarian, Endometrial, or Urothelial Cancer](#)

Diseases: [Bladder Cancer](#), [Ovarian Cancer](#), [Uterine \(Endometrial\) Cancer](#)

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[A Phase 1b/2 Study of Immunotherapy-Based Treatments and Combinations in People With Muscle-Invasive Bladder Cancer](#)

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[A Phase 2 Study of Disitamab Vedotin Alone and with Pembrolizumab Immunotherapy in People with Inoperable or Metastatic Urothelial Cancer](#)

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[A Phase 2 Study of Enfortumab Vedotin in People with Urothelial Cancer of the Upper Urinary Tract](#)

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[A Phase 2/3 Study Assessing Tumor DNA in the Blood to Guide the Use of Immunotherapy After Bladder Cancer Surgery](#)

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