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radiation therapy.

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](#).

## How MSK is researching new pancreatic cancer treatments

We're researching using new immunotherapy treatments for pancreatic cancer after surgery, and for metastatic pancreatic cancer. Our clinical trials are showing promise for using immunotherapy to treat advanced pancreatic cancer.

[One trial](#) explores using 2 drugs to boost the immune system as an alternative to chemotherapy. [Another trial](#) explores immunotherapy for pancreatic tumors that were removed by surgery and have mutations in the KRAS or NRAS genes.

Here are other ways MSK is exploring new treatments for pancreatic cancer:

An MSK [clinical trial](#) is testing a [vaccine using messenger RNA](#) along with another type of immunotherapy. We're one of a few hospitals testing this treatment for pancreatic cancer.

Biomarkers are measurable materials, such as proteins and genes. We're exploring biomarkers that help us tell the difference between benign (not cancer) and precancerous lesions in the pancreas. We're also evaluating whether biomarkers can tell us which treatment is best. For example, a biomarker may tell us which type of chemotherapy is best for you.

We're testing whether we can use pancreatic cancer stem cells to predict which chemotherapy treatments will be best for you.

For localized tumors we may be able to operate on, we're evaluating a new order for treatments. For example, we're looking at a total neoadjuvant therapy (TNT) approach.

We're working on targeted therapies, including using a class of drugs called PARP inhibitors. They're for people at higher genetic risk for pancreatic cancer.

We're evaluating a new targeted therapy, zolbetuximab. It's for people who have a substance called claudin 18.2 on the surface of their tumor cells.

We're evaluating new treatments for pancreatic cancers related to *BRCA1/2* and *PALB2* genes.

We're evaluating new maintenance treatments for pancreatic cancer. Maintenance therapy can help after cancer symptoms respond to therapy.

Through our [Pancreatic Tumor Registry](#), we study environmental and inherited risk factors for pancreatic cancer. Many people who join this study are living with pancreatic cancer or have family members who had it.

Our experts can talk with you about which clinical trial is right for you. Here are some of our new clinical trials:

[20-481 A Phase II Study of Pembrolizumab Immunotherapy and OLApaRib \(POLAR\) Maintenance Therapy for Patients with Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer](#)

[22-352 A Phase 1 Study of ELI-002 7P Immunotherapy in People with Digestive Cancers](#)

[16-261 A Phase I Study of MVT-5873 Alone or with Chemotherapy in Patients with Pancreatic Cancer and Other CA19-9 Positive Tumors](#)

[23-011 A Phase 1b Study of Odetiglucon with CDX-1140 Immunotherapy to Treat Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer](#)

[22-310 A Phase I Study of ASP3082 in People with Solid Tumors with KRAS G12D Mutations](#)

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

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32 Clinical Trials found

[A Phase 1 Study of ASP2138 in People With Pancreatic Cancer or Stomach or Gastroesophageal Junction Cancer](#)

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[Upper Gastrointestinal: Gastric Cancer](#), [Upper Gastrointestinal: Pancreatic Cancer](#)

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## [A Phase 1 Study of ELI-002 7P Immunotherapy in People with Digestive Cancers](#)

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## [A Phase 1 Study of EO-3021 in People With Advanced Esophagogastric Cancers](#)

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## [A Phase 1/2 Study of Gemcitabine and Nab-paclitaxel Plus Avutometinib and Defactinib in People With Advanced Pancreatic Cancer](#)

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

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### [A Phase 2 Study of an mRNA Vaccine plus Immunotherapy and Chemotherapy Versus Chemotherapy Alone for People with Operable Pancreatic Cancer](#)

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### [A Phase 2 Study of NALIRIFOX Plus Radiation Therapy to Treat Pancreatic Cancer](#)

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### [A Phase I Study of AB680 in Combination with AB122 Immunotherapy, Nab-Paclitaxel, and Gemcitabine in People with Advanced Pancreatic Cancer](#)

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