

Worksheet: Clinical Study Insurance Coverage

Health insurance may not cover all of the costs of your treatment if you are in a clinical study, also called a clinical trial. Your coverage depends on your plan. We strongly recommend that you call your health insurance company to find out what's covered if you participate in a clinical study. You can usually find the company's phone number on the back of your health insurance ID card. Keep a record of your discussions with the company—record the date, time, and name of the person you talked to.

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Insurance company:
Date and time of call:
Name of insurance representative:
 I am considering or will receive treatment at Seattle Cancer Care Alliance and want to know What my coverage is if I'm in a clinical study
What specific information about the study I need to provide to the insurance company
 Are these facilities and physician group contracted with my health plan? Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, tax ID 91-1935159: Yes No University of Washington Physicians, tax ID 91-1220843: Yes No University of Washington Medical Center, tax ID 91-6001537: Yes No
 Does my insurance plan cover routine care charges (also called standard-of-care charges), such as doctor visits, lab tests, and radiology scans, if I am enrolled in a clinical study? Yes No Depends on study (note differences below)
 Does my insurance plan need to preauthorize my participation in a clinical study? Yes—Ask what the process is and what information the insurance company needs (note requirements below). No—Request a letter from the company stating that preauthorization is not needed.
 Do my out-of-pocket expenses change if I am participating in a clinical study? Yes (note how they change below) No
If you have questions about coverage for a study after speaking with your health insurance company, call SCCA Patient Financial Services at (206) 606-1113 or (800) 804-8824 (toll-free).
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