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One of our most frequently asked questions about clinical trials is: "Does participating in a clinical trial prevent my daughter from participating in other future clinical trials?"

No, participation in a trial does not automatically exclude your daughter from future trials. It is helpful to understand how trial participation criteria are determined.

All clinical trials have eligibility criteria which outline who can participate. Eligibility criteria are designed by the sponsor of the clinical trial - typically a pharmaceutical company. They contain inclusion criteria (the requirements to participate) and exclusion criteria (what disqualifies someone from participating). Both are based on characteristics such as age, gender, the type and stage of a disease, previous treatment history, and other medical conditions.

Many participants become repeat patients after having positive experiences with clinical trials. A patient who participates not only receives a treatment that can potentially help them, but also generously helps those who will be diagnosed in the future.