

Clinical Trials

The University of Arizona is unique in that it is the only designated Comprehensive Cancer Center by the National Cancer Institute headquartered in Arizona. Conducting clinical trials is a requirement of this designation and fulfills an important part of the Cancer Center's mission – to prevent and cure cancer.

Currently, the Cancer Center offers Phase I, Phase II, and Phase III clinical trials covering cancer prevention and the following tumor types:

- Ovarian
- Endometrial
- Cervical
- Bladder
- Head and neck
- Lung
- Breast
- Hepatocellular carcinoma
- Advanced solid tumor cancers

In 2017, the Cancer Center will be opening new clinical trials covering the following tumor types:

- Breast
- Cervical
- Endometrial
- Ovarian
- Lung
- Malignant bowel obstruction
- Head and Neck, including nasopharyngeal and salivary gland
- Pancreatic cancer
- Peritoneal
- Precision medicine
- Prostate
- Renal cell carcinoma
- Urothelial
- Skin, including cutaneous squamous cell, as well as basal cell

Additional clinical trials will continue to be identified and opened for patients with many different kinds of cancers, including Phase 0 and Phase I clinical trials, new immunotherapy options, and exciting opportunities for precision medicine and tumor profiling.

The National Institute of Health defines clinical trials as “research studies that explore whether a medical strategy, treatment, or device is safe and effective for humans. These studies also may show which medical approaches work best for certain illnesses or groups of people. Clinical trials produce the best data available for health care decision-making.”