

What are my rights as a PTC participant:

- There is no cost or payment required to join the PTC program.
- If you are asked to participate in a study, you will be provided with an opportunity to ask questions. You are under no obligation to participate.
- Your decision to withdraw from this program will not affect:
 - ⇒ Your care at RVH
 - ⇒ Your relationship with your treatment team
 - ⇒ Participation in any future clinical trials

Who is responsible for the PTC database?

The PTC database is managed by the SMRCP ARIA (Electronic Medical Record) team and the Clinical Trials Department.

To contact us:

To find out more about this program or to join, contact the

Clinical Trials Department:

Tel: **(705) 728-9090 ext. 43586**

E-mail: **OncologyCT@rvh.on.ca**

For concerns regarding your privacy rights and health information, contact the:

Privacy Office:

Tel: **(705) 728-9090 ext. 42537**

If you are a self-identifying person of Indigenous descent and are looking for support, contact the:

Indigenous Patient Navigator:

Tel: **(705) 728-9090 ext. 43133**



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Permission To Contact



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Goals of the Permission to Contact (PTC) Program:

- ⇒ Connect people who are interested in clinical trials and research at RVH.
- ⇒ Encourage patient awareness and participation in clinical trials.
- ⇒ Increase study enrollment by reaching out to a large number of patients.
- ⇒ Evaluate the effectiveness of the program and to see if it can be implemented on a larger scale.

What types of Clinical Trials are done at RVH?

There are many forms of clinical trials available at RVH; clinical trials involving only questionnaires, genetic testing trials, and different types of trials on chemotherapy, immunotherapy or radiation therapy.

General clinical trials information:

Visit ItStartsWithMe.ca to learn more about clinical trials.

Who can join the PTC program?

All Simcoe Muskoka Regional Cancer Program patients age 18 and over, from all backgrounds, who have been diagnosed with any form of cancer.

How does the PTC program work?

Your nurse will ask you if you would like to join the program at one of your clinic visits. Once you have provided your verbal consent, some or all of the following information will be pulled from your electronic health record into the PTC database/report:

- Name
- Gender
- Date of Birth
- Diagnosis

Researchers who are approved to use the PTC database will review it to identify potential participants studies being conducted at the Cancer Centre.



If you are identified as a potential participant for a research study, you may be contacted by a clinical trials staff member asking about your interest in that study. A medical professional will be available to provide you with more information.

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If you are interested in participating in a study, your information will be reviewed in greater detail to see if this study is a good fit for you. It is your choice whether or not you want to participate in that study.

What does participation mean for me?

Authorized clinical trials personnel may access your health record for the purpose of pre-screening and provide you with information on a variety of research opportunities. Only essential information is looked at in order to pre-screen you for a particular research study.

How do I withdraw from the PTC program?

To withdraw from the PTC program; let someone in your healthcare team know or contact the Clinical Trials department directly:

Tel: (705) 728-9090 ext. 43586
Email: OncologyCt@rvh.on.ca

