VOLUNTEERING in research

What questions should I ask before I volunteer?

Here are some questions you might ask before deciding to take part in a research study at a VA Medical Center or clinic.

♦ Who is doing this study and what question might it answer?
♦ Who reviewed or approved this study?
♦ How long will this study last?
♦ What could happen to me, good or bad, if I take part in this study?
♦ What tests or procedures will I have during the study?
♦ Will this research help in understanding my condition? If so, how?
♦ Is it possible that I will receive a placebo (inactive substance)?
♦ What happens to any specimens that I give?
♦ Could my condition get worse during the study? What happens if it does?
♦ What other options or choices do I have if I decide not to take part in the study?
♦ If I decide to participate in this study, how will it affect my daily life?
♦ Will I have to make extra trips to the VA?
♦ What will happen to me at the end of the study?

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