WHAT ARE THE CLINICAL TRIAL PHASES?

SAFETY
Is the investigational medication/treatment safe?
- Are there side effects?
- How does it affect or move through the body?
- Is it safe to use at the same time as other medications?

Who’s in it?
Small group of healthy people—generally less than 100

EFFICACY
Is the investigational medication/treatment effective in treating the targeted condition?
- Does it relieve, reverse or stop the progression of the condition?
- How safe is it?
- What is the most effective dosage?

Who’s in it?
Generally 100-300 people with the exact condition being studied

FOLLOW UP
After the investigational medication/treatment is approved, how does it work for other patients with the condition?
- More safety/efficacy information is gathered
- Are there long-term benefits?
- Are there long-term risks?

Who’s in it?
Often several thousand people who have been prescribed the investigational medication

CONFIRMATION
How does the investigational medication/treatment compare to the standard treatment for the condition?
- More effective, less effective, or the same?
- Longer-term adverse effects?
- How does it affect quality of life, or survival?
- How might it be used along with existing treatments?

Who’s in it?
Often 300-3,000 people with the exact condition being studied