

Informed Consent for a Research Study

Chemotherapy Treatments for Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

Please use the space on the right to write down any questions you might have. You also can put a check in the box if you have questions on that section.

About the Study

Notes/Questions

What am I being asked to do?

You are being asked to make a choice about taking part in a research study. This research study compares four different drug treatments (chemotherapy) for advanced non-small cell lung cancer. You are being asked to be part of this study because you have this type of cancer.

Why are we doing this study?

Advanced non-small cell lung cancer is very hard to treat. There is no known cure. Better treatments are needed. We are doing the study to see which, if any, of four treatments works best at slowing the growth of this type of cancer. We also want to look at the risks and side effects for each of the treatments. This study uses two “investigational” drugs, gemcitabine and taxotere. These drugs are “investigational” because they have not been fully tested against other drugs.

Who will be part of this study?

About 1200 patients from many cancer treatment centers will join the study over a period of three years. All patients will have advanced non-small cell lung cancer.

Who is sponsoring the study?

This study is sponsored by the National Cancer Institute (NCI), the Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group (ECOG), and the North Central Cancer Treatment Group (NCCTG). ECOG and NCCTG are groups of cancer specialists from across the country who do studies to find better ways to treat cancer. This study is supported partly by funds from NCI.

Description of Procedures

What will happen in the study?

If you join the study, you will be treated with two cancer-fighting drugs. Four different combinations of two (2) drugs each will be used in this study. Each of these drug combinations have been used before and have shown some anti-cancer activity. Which two drugs you will get depends on which of four treatment groups you are in. We do not know which, if any, of these treatments is best.

What are the differences between the four treatment groups?

The differences between the four treatment groups are the drugs used in each group and how often they are given. Each patient will get two cancer-fighting drugs. The drugs used in each treatment group are listed in the table below.