

In the previous article some of the reasons why people volunteer to participate in medical research studies were discussed. Now some actual study participants would like to share their reasons for participating in research.

Lindsay Cunningham, a recent participant in a study at HCRC said: "I thought it would be an interesting experience and would potentially improve my condition. I came in with a lot of doubt towards the treatment but am leaving very impressed." Porscha Simmons had a little different reason for entering a study: "I wanted to participate in this study because nothing else has worked for my condition and I hoped that a new investigational treatment might be the answer" and she was pleased with the results. It should be noted that although both Lindsay and Porscha had very good results from their respective studies, that cannot always be expected.

Alan Miller states that his reason for participating in a study was: "Curiosity initially, but to have an affordable generic version of the drug would benefit many." "I do believe studies like this are beneficial to a public who may not be able to afford Actinic Keratosis drug treatments at current costs." The particular study that Alan participated in was comparing a new generic medication to the brand name version.

Three people with three different reasons for participating in a research study. Just as there are many reasons for volunteering for a study there are also many ways in which to view research. Future articles will present different perspectives on medical research through interviews with participants, physicians, sub-investigators and the clinical research coordinators who work so closely with volunteers.

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