




PPI Case Study

Usually, clinical trials compare one new treatment to the treatment doctors already use, to see if the new treatment is better.

Most young people who get B-cell non-Hodgkin Lymphoma get better with treatment, but if they don't get better or if their cancer comes back there is no other good treatment to help them, and they won't survive. This means the way clinical trials usually work is not good for these patients because it would take too long to test 1 new treatment at a time. Instead, the Glo-BNHL trial offers lots of promising new treatments for patients and their doctors to choose from.

All research that is done in humans is regulated – this means experts check that what we want to do is safe and is the best thing for patients. The design of the Glo-BNHL trial is unusual, but our patient advocates told us that patients and their families want this design because it will help find better treatments faster. Nicole has personal experience of childhood cancer, and so she came with us to our meeting with the regulators to explain why the unusual design is best for patients and their families.

Nicole's thoughts: "I was nervous at first because this is important to me and I want to make sure I am able to understand the scientific aspects of the trial and also represent the patient perspective. I mostly used personal experience rather than speaking in clinician language - I find it's better and have learned that this is what PPIE is all about."

A portrait of Nicole, a woman with blonde hair and black-rimmed glasses, smiling. She is wearing a pink top with a yellow ribbon pinned to it.

“ Jump in, get involved,
and ask questions if you
don't understand!

Nicole
Patient Advocate