

Broadcast Copy: The Study of Tamoxifen and Raloxifene (STAR)

Version #1 (0:30) — One of the largest breast cancer prevention studies ever is now recruiting volunteers at more than 500 centers across the United States, Puerto Rico, and Canada. The study, called STAR, is looking for 22,000 postmenopausal women at increased risk of breast cancer to compare two different drugs. One drug has been shown to reduce the number of breast cancers in high-risk women by half and the other drug may have similar benefits. To find a center near you call the National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service at 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237).*

Version #2 (0:45) — Until recently, women with an increased risk of breast cancer had no proven way to reduce their chance of getting the disease. A new study is comparing tamoxifen (TA-MOX-A-FIN) -- the drug that was found to reduce breast cancer risk by half --with a newer drug called raloxifene (RA-LOX-A-FEEN). The study, STAR, will determine which drug might be better and have fewer side effects for women past menopause who are at high risk of breast cancer. Women interested in joining STAR will have their breast cancer risk calculated based on their age, family history of breast cancer, number of children, number of times she has had breast lumps biopsied, and other factors. Women interested in finding a STAR center near them can call 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237).*

Version #3 (0:15) — A large breast cancer prevention study, called STAR, is recruiting postmenopausal women at increased risk of breast cancer to compare the benefits of two drugs. To find out more, call the National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service at 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237).*

Version #4 (0:30) — Women at increased risk of breast cancer can now take part in a study comparing the only drug currently proven to prevent the disease with a newer drug. The study, called STAR, is the only way to tell which drug is most effective for women at risk of this major cancer. Twenty-two thousand women will take one drug or the other daily for five years. STAR

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is taking place at more than 500 centers across the United States, Puerto Rico, and Canada. For information, call the National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service at: 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237).*

* The National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service includes the United States and Puerto Rico. In Canada, call the Canadian Cancer Society's Cancer Information Service at 1-888-939-3333.

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For more information about STAR visit NSABP's Web site at <http://www.nsabp.pitt.edu> or NCI's clinical trials Web site at <http://cancertrials.nci.nih.gov>