

Have you just been diagnosed with cancer?

Questions to ask your doctor . . .

1. What stage is my cancer and what does that mean for my prognosis?
2. Is there any indication that the cancer has spread?
3. What other tests do I need?
4. How do I decide what is the best treatment option for me?
5. What are my options for treatment?
6. What are the costs, benefits, and risks for each of the treatments?
7. What are the side effects for each of the treatments?
8. What would happen if my condition was untreated?
9. Can I continue my normal activities during treatment?
10. How long will treatment take?
11. What other effects of my cancer or treatments should I expect?
12. Will there be any long term consequences of my treatment?
13. What effects will this have on my family?
14. Where can I find more information?
15. What do you recommend that I read?
16. Am I a good candidate for any current clinical trials?
17. How can I find others who have had these treatments to personally talk to them about what their experiences were like?
18. When should I begin an advance directive?
19. What other services and resources are available to me?
20. How often will I need follow-up and what tests will I need to have done?

Notes:



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