

Questions to ask during a second-opinion consultation

Print these questions and bring them to your health care appointment.

*Asking questions will help you get the most appropriate care. Here are some key questions.
Be persistent until you understand the answers.*

Physician's name _____ Date _____

1. Is there any chance my original diagnosis is wrong? Could I have a different problem?

2. Are there any additional tests you think I should have?

3. What is the treatment you recommend?

4. Are there any other treatments I should consider?

5. What are the likely results if I wait or don't have the treatment?



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6. What are the risks associated with the treatment(s)?

7. What are the side effects and/or long-term effects from each treatment option?

8. What are the goals of the treatment? What will the treatments do?

9. How long are the treatment recovery periods?



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