

Questions about treatment

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. What do the blood tests show? How do the results compare to "normal" and what do they mean for me?

2. When will these tests need to be repeated?

3. What are the goals of treatment for my disease?

4. Is there a standard treatment for my disease?

5. Is there one option that you recommend over the others? Why or why not?



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6. What is the risk versus benefit of each option?

7. What are my chances for a remission or a recurrence?

8. What are the risks if I don't get treatment? Should waiting to treat be discussed (watch and wait)?

9. When do you think I will need treatment?

10. Do I have a choice about when to begin treatment?

11. Do I have a choice about which days or time of day to have my treatment?

12. Where will I get my treatment?



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13. How many treatments will I have?

14. What drug or drugs will I be taking?

15. How will the drugs be given?

16. How long will each treatment last?

17. Will I need help on the day of my treatment?

18. How will I feel after each treatment? Are there signs or symptoms I need to watch for? For how long?

19. Will I be able to work or go to school while I am on treatment?



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20. Will the treatment be paid for by my health plan (or Medicare)?

21. Should I be treated in a cancer clinical trial?

22. How often and how long will I need treatment/follow up visits?

23. What type of follow up tests will be needed?

24. Will I need to change my daily routine?



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