

Cancer Diagnosis

Questions to Ask Your Doctor

Learning that you have cancer is a difficult experience. After a cancer diagnosis, you may feel anxious, afraid or overwhelmed. So many thoughts are running through your mind that it might be easy to forget important questions and concerns.

Here are some questions to ask about your cancer diagnosis. These questions can help you make important decisions about your care.

Also, consider bringing a family member or friend with you to your doctor appointments. They can support you, help with asking questions and write down the information that the doctor gives you.

1. What kind of cancer do I have? Where is the cancer? Has it spread?

2. Can my cancer be treated? What are my treatment options?

3. What can I expect during treatment?

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4. How much time do I have to think about my options or get a second opinion?

5. What local resources are there to help me cope with my diagnosis?

Where can I get more information?

The National Cancer Institute provides accurate and up-to-date information about clinical trials, cancer types, prevention, detection, diagnosis, treatment, survivorship and end of life care.

Phone: 1-800-4CANCER (1-800-422-6237)

Website: www.cancer.gov

The Rural Cancer Network (RCaN) offers other user-friendly, cancer educational handouts. For more information about other cancer-related topics, please see the RCaN website.

Website: www.ruralcancernetwork.org



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