



Questions to Ask Your Oncologist

- What type of cancer do I have? What is the stage or extent of my cancer?
- What treatment do you recommend and why?
- What is the goal of treatment; cure or control of my symptoms?
- What are the possible risks or side effects of treatment?
- Are there other treatments for me to consider?
- How often will I need to come in for treatment, or tests?
- How long will my treatments last?
- What if I miss a treatment?
- Will my life change? Will I need to make changes in my work, family life, and leisure time?
- What are the names of the drugs I will take? What are they for?
- How will you know that my treatment is working?
- Why do I need a blood test, and how often?



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- If other specialists take part in my care, who will coordinate my entire treatment program?
- What symptoms or problems should I report right away?
- Are there any special foods I should or should not eat?
- Can I drink alcoholic beverages?
- Can I have sex during treatment?
- When is the best time to call you if I have a question?
- What costs will I have? How will I know how much my insurance will cover?
- What if I can't afford the treatment?
- Will someone help me with forms required by my employer?
- What if I need someone to help at home?
- Will my treatment require me to be an inpatient?
- What if I can't drive?