

# HELPFUL QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR ONCOLOGIST

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If you've just been diagnosed with cancer, you undoubtedly have many questions for your doctor. However, you may not know where to start. Here's a list of questions people typically ask after receiving a diagnosis.

## GETTING STARTED

- Is there anything more to be done to confirm my diagnosis?
- How much experience do you have treating this type of cancer?
- Should I get a second opinion?

## TREATMENT PLANNING

- What are the risks and benefits of my treatment options?
- What are your goals for my treatment?
- How will we know if my treatment is working?
- Who is part of my treatment team?
- What is my chance of responding successfully to treatment? Are there factors in my case which affect my outcome?
- What can I do to manage the potential side effects of treatment?
- Will treatment affect my ability to perform work or other daily activities?
- Are there any clinical trials that may be right for me?

## SUPPORTIVE CARE

- How can I involve my care partner in my treatment plan?
- What support services are available to me?

## INFORMED DECISION-MAKING

- I don't fully understand my diagnosis and treatment options. Could you go over this information again?
- What questions would you ask if you were me?