Questions to Ask

We've curated a few questions to guide you in finding the right doctor and building your care team. You can use this along with the <u>Find a Doctor/Cancer</u> <u>Center Checklist</u> to help you narrow down your options, as you seek different opinions and select the right partner in managing your care.



- What is your experience in treating my type of cancer? How long have you been in practice?
- Are you board certified in oncology? Do you have a specialty?
- How many patients with this type and stage of cancer do you treat each year?
- Are you or your practice involved in clinical trials?
- When do I need to make a decision about my treatment plan?
- Which cancer center or hospital do you have privileges at? Will I receive treatment in an inpatient or outpatient center?
- What type of oncologists will be part of my cancer team and who will lead my overall care?
- Who else will be part of my cancer care team?
- Are my doctors and other care team members all at the same hospital/cancer center or at different locations?
- If I experience a new side effect, a change in how I'm feeling or have more questions, who should I contact?
- If I have an issue in the evening or over the weekend, is there a way to contact you?
- Will my case be reviewed by a tumor board and if so, when will this happen?
- Do you offer any special services, such as transportation, reserved patient parking, coordination of financial assistance, emotional support, etc.?

For a full list of Questions to Ask Your Healthcare Team, please visit cancer 101.org