

## Questions to Ask Your Doctor about Cancer

Learning that you have cancer can be a shock, and you may feel overwhelmed at first. When you meet with your doctor, you will hear a lot of information. These questions may help you learn more about your cancer and what you can expect next.

### Questions about Your Diagnosis

- What type of cancer do I have?
- What is the stage of my cancer?
- Has it spread to other areas of my body?
- Will I need a specialist(s) for my cancer treatment?
- Will you help me find a doctor to give another opinion on the best treatment plan?
- How serious is my cancer?

### Questions about Cancer Treatment

- What are the ways to treat my type and stage of cancer?
- What are the benefits and risks of each of these treatments?
- What treatment do you recommend? Why do you think it is best for me?
- When will I need to start treatment?
- What are the possible side effects of the treatment?
- Are there any lasting effects of the treatment?
- Would a clinical trial (research study) be right for me?

### Other Questions

- What other services are available to help and support me during and after treatment?
- How do I contact you if I have more questions?

Content modified from *Questions to Ask Your Doctor About Cancer* from the National Cancer Institute.

You may have questions about other topics, certain types of cancer, or treatments.

For more help and information, contact the G. Mitchell Morris Cancer Learning Center at Huntsman Cancer Institute:

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