

Questions that May Assist You During Your Treatment Journey

Your questions and concerns are important – please express them.

At Diagnosis:

What is the exact name of the diagnosis, disease or condition? If this condition has other names, what are they?

What can I expect to happen as a result of having this condition? How will it affect my work and everyday activities?

What test/s do I need to have, and what will the test/s tell me?

How do I prepare for the test/s?

When and how will I get results from the test/s?

Treatment:

What treatments do you suggest I have for this diagnosis and/or problem?

What are the risks or complications of these treatments or procedures?

How long does this treatment or procedure take? How many treatments will there be?

When am I scheduled for treatment?

Can I have a break in my treatment?

Will I need someone to drive me to and from the hospital when I have this treatment or procedure?

Will I need a family member or friend to be a caregiver (someone who can help with your care at the hospital or at home)?

Are there any activities that I need to avoid when undergoing this treatment?

Are there food or over the counter interactions with the medication I am taking that I need to be aware of?

What happens if I do not take all of my medications?

What are the expected side effects? Who do I call to discuss coping with side effects?

When should I call for help?

How do I get help on the weekends and after-hours?

After Treatment:

When should I have follow-up clinic visits and tests?

How long will it be before I feel like myself?

Are there any long-term effects from this treatment? When do I make a survivorship appointment?

Additional Questions:

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