

Questions you might want to ask

You might want to raise these questions with your doctors or other health professionals.

These are only a selection. You may have more or different questions, medical or non-medical. You don't need to ask all of these at once.

1. What are my treatment choices?
2. What can I do to help fight the cancer?
3. Will this treatment cure my cancer, or help me to live longer?
4. What will be the outcome if I do not have this treatment?
5. How does the treatment work?
6. Will I need to stay in hospital, and if so, for how long?
7. If I don't have to stay in hospital as an in-patient, how often will I have to come, how long will each treatment take, and how many treatments will I need?
8. Should somebody take me to hospital? Will I need to arrange for someone to take me home?
9. Will the treatment change the way I look?
10. Would it be possible to meet someone who has had the same operation as mine, before I have the operation and where can I get more information?
11. Is there anything I should or shouldn't do during or after the treatment?
12. Does the treatment have any side effects?
13. Are there ways to prevent the side effects, or to make them as mild as possible?
14. What will it cost? Will there be any extra costs after the main treatment?
15. Will I have to change my diet?
16. Will the cancer or treatment affect my sex life?
17. Will I still be able to have children?
18. Will I need time off work?
19. Will I need extra help at home?
20. How can I get extra help-practical or financial-for my family and me?

