

San Francisco Firefighters Cancer Prevention Foundation
Health Navigation Program

Questions to Ask Your Oncologist

- What type of cancer do I have?
- What is the specific name of my cancer?
- Have you treated this type of cancer before?
- Where does this cancer usually spread?
- Has the cancer spread beyond my _____?
- Has the cancer spread to my lymph nodes?
- What stage is my cancer? S0-S4
- What is the grade of my cancer? Gx-G4
- Is it possible my cancer has been misdiagnosed?
- What other tests do I need? Should I have a PET scan?
- What treatment do you recommended?
- Is there targeted drug therapy for my type of cancer?
- Is there immunotherapy for my type of cancer?
- What are the chances I will be cancer free?
- What are the chances my cancer will recur?
- How do different types of treatment affect survival rates?
- Are there clinical trials available for treatment?
- What side effects might I experience during treatment?
- What is the next step if my treatment does not work?
- Should I see a specialist at a University Center evaluate me?
- Will you support a second opinion?
- What can I do diet/health wise during treatment?
- Are there support groups for me and/or my family?
- What are the risk factors for my type of cancer?
- Are alternative/holistic forms of treatment harmful/helpful for me?
- What should I avoid during treatment?
- How do I get test reports from the radiologist, pathologist, etc.?