

Health Navigation Program Questions to Ask Your Oncologist

What type of cancer do I have? What are the risk factors for my type of cancer? 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 How confident are you that my cancer is properly diagnosed? What other tests do I need? Should I have a PET scan? Was my tumor genetically profiled at the time of pathology? Which treatment do you recommend? Is there targeted drug/immunotherapy for my type of cancer? What side effects might I experience during treatment? What is the next step if my treatment does not work? How do different types of treatment affect survival rates? What are the chances I will be cancer free? What are the chances my cancer will recur? Are alternative/holistic forms of treatment harmful/helpful for me? What should I avoid during treatment? I will likely seek a second opinion at a university medical center:

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