Questions to Ask your Doctor – Cancer Treatment

If you are facing up to a diagnosis it can be helpful for patients and their families to understand what their treatment options are. We have compiled some questions which can help understand what options are available when it comes to treatment. Please feel free to print off a copy and take along with you when you are seeing your doctor.

Treatment

What are my treatment options?
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Will I receive radiotherapy? If yes, what kind of radiotherapy treatment is available (e.g., is it IMRT, VMRT)? Is this the best treatment for my condition or should I ask for a referral?
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Are there any research studies or clinical trial available which could help me?
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How long will I receive treatment for, how often, and where?

Can I talk with other patients who have received this treatment?

Side Effects of Treatment

What possible side effects should I prepare for?
When might they start and how long will they last?

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Will they get better or worse as my treatment goes along?

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