

Questions to Ask Your Doctor

☐ What kind of illness do I have?

☐ What should I expect regarding hospitalization?

☐ How much help do you anticipate I'll need at home?

☐ What will we cover in this appointment?

☐ What is the standard treatment for my diagnosis?

☐ What are my treatment options? What side effects does each treatment have?

☐ Do I need to start treatment right away?

☐ Why do you recommend this treatment?

☐ How long will it be before we know if treatment is working?

☐ Will I be able to have biological children?

☐ What are my options if treatment doesn't work?

☐ What clinical trials are available for me?

☐ Could an outside pathologist review my slides and diagnosis?

☐ What are the chances of completely curing my illness?

☐ What will I be able to do on a daily basis?

☐ What will my best and worst days look or feel like?

☐ Are there services provided at this cancer center/hospital to help me and my family cope?