

# 10 Questions to Ask Your Oncologist

**Make sure to ask your oncologist these basic questions after learning about your new cancer diagnosis.**

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**Where did my cancer originate? Has it spread?**

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**Is there a genetic link to this type of cancer?**

Follow-up: Should my family members be tested?

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**What treatment options are available?**

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**What happens if the treatment approach doesn't work?**

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**How will you help me manage side effects?**

Be proactive rather than reactive.

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**What will my treatment cost?**

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**What can I do to preserve my fertility?**

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**What impact will treatment have on my lifestyle?**

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**Where can I get more information or support?**

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**Where do you recommend getting a second opinion?**

Keep a notebook handy where you can document every question that comes into your mind! Writing questions as they come helps keep your thoughts in order and allows you to be your own advocate. Even with the best care team in the world, there is no better advocate for you than you.

