

Questions to Ask Your Doctor

It is important for a patient to understand diagnosis, treatment, and care.

1. What is my official diagnosis?
2. What is the stage?
3. What is a subtype?
4. What mutation(s) does my cancer have?
5. If I try alternative options (holistic/off-label) will you support/guide me?
6. If I choose a holistic approach, are there any facilities or doctors you'd recommend?
7. If I do chemo/radiation/surgery what can I do to help keep myself as healthy as possible?
8. Are you doing everything possible now to prevent metastasis in future?
9. Are there support groups available to me?
10. How do I find clinical trials available to me?
11. What are other top sarcoma hospitals/doctors you'd recommend for second opinions?
12. If I was you, or your child, what approach would you take?
13. Am I eligible for supplemental security income (SSI) or social security disability insurance (SSDI)?
14. Can I do genetic testing on my tumor?
15. What palliative care options/services are available?
16. What happens if I do nothing?
17. What is the impact of the diagnosis and treatment options on family planning?