


# 13 QUESTIONS

## FOR A NEWLY DIAGNOSED CANCER PATIENT TO ASK THEIR PHYSICIAN



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This list of questions is meant for the new cancer patient to ask their physician on their first or earliest visit to help them assemble all the facts from which to make an informed decision. You are urged to carefully write each answer fully so that you are certain you understand it.

**1** What kind of cancer do I have?

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**2** What stage is my cancer?

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**3** What are all the possible treatments for it?

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**4** What are the advantages and disadvantages of each?

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**5** What are the expected side effects of each treatment?

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**6** What do you recommend?

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**7** When will you know if it is working and how?

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**8** What are other options if the initial treatment doesn't work?

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**9** What if I have a question or a problem?

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**10** Exactly what is my next step?

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**11** When am I going to see you again?

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**12** Are there any supplemental treatments, vitamins or nutritional aids that would help my treatments?

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**13** Should I get an independent second opinion?

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