

Questions for your Oncologist?

General questions:

What is the name of my cancer?

Which parts of my body are affected?

Is it possible to completely cure my cancer?

About tests

Why are you doing this test?

What will this investigation involve?

What information will you get?

How accurate is this test?

What are the risks to me in this test?

Will the results of this test make any difference to the treatment you provide?

What are the results of tests I have already had?

About treatment

What is the aim of treatment?

- is it to cure?
- is it for temporary control?
 - is it to reduce symptoms?

What is the chance of the treatment working?

What will happen if I have no treatment?

How long before I know if treatment is working?

What difference will this treatment make to my quality of life – can I work, have sex, etc.?

Will I receive treatment as an outpatient or be admitted to hospital?

How is the treatment given?

How does the treatment work?

How much will these treatments cost?

What can I do to help treatment?

What if this treatment does not work?

Side effects of treatment

What are the possible side effects of treatment?

Can these be prevented or controlled?

Are the effects temporary or permanent?

Participating in clinical trials

Are there any clinical trials suitable for me?

What are the benefits for me?