

Question checklist for chemotherapy

Asking your doctor questions will help you make an informed choice. You may want to include some of the questions below in your own list.

Treatment

- Why do I need chemotherapy?
 - What are the advantages and disadvantages of chemotherapy for me?
 - How successful is chemotherapy for the type of cancer I have?
 - Are there any other treatments options for me? If not, why not?
 - Will I have other treatments or drug therapies as well as chemotherapy?
 - How much does chemotherapy cost?
 - What drugs will I be receiving? How will they be given?
 - How often will I receive chemotherapy and for how long?
 - How will you decide the dosage?
 - Are there treatment protocols you are following?
 - How will I know if the treatment is working?
 - Where will I have treatment? Can I have it close to where I live or at home?
 - Do my family and friends need to follow any safety measures?
 - Can I take my usual medicines during chemotherapy?
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Side effects

- What are the risks and possible side effects of this type of chemotherapy?
 - Will the side effects be long term or short term?
 - What can I do to help manage any side effects?
 - Will chemotherapy affect my sex life and fertility?
 - Should I change my diet or physical activity during or after treatment?
 - Are there any complementary therapies that might help me?
 - Who should I contact for information or if I have a problem during treatment? Who is my after-hours contact?
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After treatment

- How often will I need check-ups after treatment?
 - Am I at risk of developing late effects from chemotherapy? What could they be? How can I prevent them?
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My questions
