

Suggested Questions for Your Oncologist

1. Is my cancer fast-growing or slow-growing? Do you know how long it might have been growing in my body?
2. What is your experience level in treating patients with my specific disease?
3. Based upon the stage and nature of my disease, what is your recommended treatment course?
4. What are the specific drugs you are going to treat me with? Will I need to change any of my existing prescriptions or supplements?
5. How long does each course of treatment take?
6. What are the potential side effects of this treatment (short-term and long-term)?
7. After treatment, what will I feel like? Will I need time to recover? Will I be able to drive myself home? How much work should I anticipate missing?
8. May I have copies of the material safety data sheets on all the drugs I will be taking?
9. Is my recommended treatment specific to my tumor and mutation(s)? Have all tests been run on my tumor to assure this is the best course of treatment?
10. Will my cancer cells eventually become resistant to chemotherapy?
11. Statistically, what is my five-year survival rate with your recommended treatment protocol?
12. Do you think I am a good candidate for a drug trial? Why or why not?
13. Should I make any changes to my diet or lifestyle during or after treatment?
14. Do you recommend any alternative or complimentary practices with your treatment protocol?
15. How will I be able to reach you if I have any concerns or further questions?

It is also recommended that you get copies of all pathology and scan reports for your own personal records. One primary mission of The Boon Project is to empower young adults to seek out second opinions on their course of treatment. In some cases, such as advanced stage cancer or rare cancers, a second opinion at a top ranked cancer research center is encouraged.