

Questions to ask Your doctor?

1. Would you please write down the exact type of lung cancer I have?
2. Will you please speak or write in the simplest terms (1st Grader terms)
3. May I have a copy of my pathology report?
4. Has my cancer spread beyond the place where it started?
5. What is the stage of my cancer? What does that mean in my case?
6. How aggressive is the cancer spreading?
7. Are there other tests that need to be done before we can decide on treatment?
8. Are there other doctors I need to see?
9. How much experience do you have treating this type of cancer?
10. What treatment choices do I have?
11. What do you suggest and why?
12. What is the goal of this treatment?
13. How will my day to day activities be affected?
14. How long will treatment last? What will it involve? Where will it be done?
15. How quickly do we need to decide on treatment?
16. What are the chances my cancer can be cured with these options?
17. What risks or side effects are there to the treatment you suggest? How long are they likely to last?
18. What type of follow-up will I need after treatment?
19. Will I need any type of physical therapy?
20. What are the chances of the cancer coming back after treatment? What would we do if that happens?
21. What should I do to get ready for treatment?
22. Do you have a recommended diet for me? If the doctor doesn't offer a nutritional plan, request a Nutritionist.
23. What is the best and most effective way to communicate with you regarding the status of my health?

We recommend that you include your own questions to the above list.