



## Cancer Treatment FAQs

It's common to have a lot of questions when you're diagnosed with cancer. It's also very common to forget them once you're in a doctor's office discussing options for radiation therapy or chemotherapy. That's why we recommend going in prepared. To make things easier for you, we've arranged the following list of

common questions. Print them and circle the ones you want to be sure to ask your oncologist and nurses, or use them as a reference for jotting down your own list. Either way, they'll help you make an informed decision based on the potential benefits and side effects of cancer treatments offered here.

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### Before Treatment

- What stage of cancer do I have?
- How will my recommended treatments help?
- Will I need more than one type of treatment, such as combining radiation therapy with chemotherapy or surgery?
- How many times per week, and for how many weeks, can I expect to receive treatments?
- How long will each treatment session take?
- How likely is it to work?
- Will it affect my ability to have children?
- What are the chances of the cancer spreading or reappearing after treatments?

### During Treatment

- What side effects should I anticipate?
- How can I minimize them?
- Will I be able to continue with normal day-to-day activities?
- Will I need to have someone else drive me to and from the center for my treatments?
- Should I make changes to my diet?
- Will my appearance be affected?

### After treatment

- How will you know if I'm cured of cancer?
- How long will it take to find out?
- What are the chances of the cancer coming back?
- What steps can I take to prevent a relapse?