

## 20 Questions to Ask Your Oncologist

1. What kind of cancer do I have? What is my exact diagnosis?
2. Where is it and has it spread?
3. How many cases like mine have you managed?
4. Is my cancer treatable?
5. Will treatment require surgery, chemotherapy or targeted therapy?
6. Will I require radiation?
7. What is the difference between chemotherapy and targeted therapy? Is my cancer eligible for targeted therapy? Why/Why not?
8. What options are available to me?
9. Do you recommend one option over the others? Why?
10. What is the goal of my treatment?

11. How will treatment affect my daily life?
12. Where will I go for my treatment?
13. How long will it take to receive treatment?
14. Will I be able to drive myself?
15. How often will I need to come into the office and see the doctor and or nurses?
16. What are the short and long term side effects of my treatment?
17. Will my treatment affect fertility? What are my options?
18. Am I eligible for a clinical trial?
19. How quickly do I need to make a decision?
20. Can you recommend a colleague for a second opinion?