

Questions you should ask your oncologist

- Tell me about your diagnosis for me.
- Give me an idea of how fast the cancer is growing?
- What do you think caused my cancer?

Treatment Questions

- What treatments are you recommending for me?
- Will I have to take chemotherapy?
 - (a) How much does chemotherapy contribute to five and ten year survival for my cancer?
 - (b) Can the chemotherapy you are prescribing make this cancer more aggressive, cause more cancers?
 - (c) What is your position, if I decide not to take chemotherapy/radiotherapy?
- Can I get a list of the drugs you are proposing?
 - (a) What are the short/long term side effects of these drugs?
 - (b) How long have these drugs been used to treat cancer?
 - (c) Is this treatment curative or palliative?
 - (d) If curative, and the treatment doesn't work what then?
 - (e) If palliative, then what is your reason for prescribing chemo or radiation, if its not going to cure me?
- How much time do you think I have to live if I do the treatment?
- How much time do you think I have if I don't do the treatment?
- Are there studies comparing this treatment protocol to patients who do nothing?
- What if the treatment doesn't work—can I get some money back?
- May I have the Material Safety Data Sheets on all the drugs I'll be taking?
- Will you arrange for an Oncostat Plus Chemosensitivity Test to determine the compatibility of chemotherapy to my cancer?
- Would you do this treatment if you had the same diagnosis as me?
- What other treatment options are available besides what we've discussed?
- Would you object to me also undertaking tutoring on lifestyle, yoga and meditation to help?
- Give me an idea of how much the total cost of the treatment will be.
- If I decide to have your recommended treatment, will I be able to call you if I have questions?
- I will require some time to talk with my family before I start treatment. Would two to three weeks be okay?
- Can I get a copy of my medical records before I leave today?