



Questions to Help You Make Informed Treatment Decisions

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Asking questions will help you take an active role in managing your (or your child's) care. If you do not understand any part of the information your healthcare provider gives you, ask him or her to explain it in another way.

Doctor's name _____

Date of appointment or call _____

1. What exactly is my diagnosis?

2. Is there a standard treatment for my disease?

If so...

How well does the standard treatment work?

What are the chances it will cure me?

If the treatment does not cure me, what exactly will it do?

What are the expected risks and side effects associated with standard treatment?

3. Is there more than one accepted standard treatment for my disease and, if so, how should I choose between them?

4. What happens if I do not get treatment?

5. Are you the right doctor to treat my disease?

6. Are there clinical trials available for my disease?

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