**What should I ask my doctor about cancer?**

As you cope with the diagnosis of cancer and its treatment you need to have honest and open discussions with your doctors. You should feel comfortable to ask any question no matter how small it might seem. Other members of the team such as nurses may be able to answer many of your questions.

Your questions should include but not be limited to the following:

* What kind of cancer do I have?
* How much experience do you have in treating my particular cancer?
* Has my cancer spread?
* What is the stage of my cancer and what does that mean?
* What are my treatment choices?
* What treatment do you recommend and why?
* What risks or side effects are there to the treatments that you suggest?
* What are the chances my cancer will come back with these treatment plans?
* What should I do to be ready for treatment?
* What is my outlook?

In addition to these questions you should write down some of your own for discussion.