



QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR DOCTOR

Diagnosis

- What is the type and grade of my tumor? Is my tumor non-malignant (benign) or malignant (cancerous)?
- Will I get molecular and methylation testing done?
- Where is my tumor located, and what is its size?
- What is my prognosis with and without treatment?

Treatment

- What are my treatment options?
- What are the goals of treatment?
- Should I seek a second opinion?
- What are the side effects, risks, and benefits of the recommended treatment? How will this affect my quality of life?
- How long do I have to decide about my course of treatment?
- What are the potential long-term effects of each treatment?

Surgery

- Is my tumor operable?
- What are the risks of surgery? Could surgery impact my memory, my ability to think, my movement or speech?
- What happens after surgery?

Clinical Trials

- Am I eligible for any clinical trials inside or outside this institution?
- What are the potential risks and benefits of participating in a clinical trial?
- How will the clinical trial doctors coordinate with you while I participate in the study?



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Your Healthcare Team

- How many brain tumor patients with my tumor type do you treat annually?
- What other specialists will be part of my healthcare team? (e.g. neuro-oncologist, neuro-surgeon, radiation oncologist, nurse, nutritionist, etc.)
- Will I receive Palliative Care for symptom management?
- Who should I contact if I have questions after my appointments?

Support Services

- Where can my caregiver and I get more information about support and my diagnosis?
- If I'm experiencing mental health difficulties, will this be addressed?
- Will I have access to a social worker or nurse navigator?
- Does your institution offer a support group?

Selecting Your Healthcare Team

- Does the healthcare team spend enough time with you and address your concerns?
- Do I feel like I have a say in my treatment plan?