



QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR DOCTOR

When Breast Cancer is Diagnosed

If you've been [diagnosed](#) with breast cancer, there's a lot to learn. Get all the information you can so you can make important decisions about your care. Be sure to get a copy of your pathology report and other test results. You may feel overwhelmed or unsure of what to ask your doctor. Here are some questions to help start the conversation.

Q: What did the results of my breast biopsy show? What kind of breast cancer do I have?

A: _____

Q: What tests were done on my tumor? What are my hormone receptor status and HER2 status?

A: _____

Q: What is the tumor grade? Is the breast cancer fast or slow growing?

A: _____

Q: During my surgery, was the entire tumor removed? What did the margins show?

A: _____

Q: During my surgery, were any lymph nodes removed? If so, how many had cancer?

A: _____

Q: What is the stage of my breast cancer? What does that mean?

A: _____

Q: Will tumor profiling tests, such as Oncotype DX® or MammaPrint®, be done on the tumor tissue? If so, how will the results impact my treatment plan?

A: _____

Q: Do you recommend I get genetic testing for inherited gene mutations? If so, how will the results impact my treatment plan?

A: _____

Q: What are my treatment options?

A: _____

Q: What is my prognosis (outcome)?

A: _____

Q: What are the chances my cancer will come back? What are the chances I will develop another type of cancer?

A: _____

Q: What support is available to me and my loved ones?

A: _____

Notes:



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