

26 Questions to Ask Your Physician:

1. What type of lung cancer do I have?
2. How does the type of cancer I have affect my treatment options?
3. What stage is my cancer?
4. How does that affect my treatment options?
5. Has my biopsy tissue been sent out for genetic/molecular testing?
6. What is the difference between lung specific (EGFR, EML4-ALK, ROS1) and next generation sequencing?
7. Which testing was my tissue sent out for and how is that decided?
8. If the testing is positive, what are my treatment options?
9. If the testing is negative, what are my treatment options?
10. How can I learn more about my treatment options? ie: Chemo, Surgery and Radiation
11. If the best treatment for me is not covered by my insurance, what resources are available to help with access/payment?
12. Are there any Clinical Trials I should consider?
13. What cancer centers or Universities are specializing in my type of cancer?
14. Can I get a second opinion at one of these centers and still be treated here locally by you?
15. How long will I be on treatment before I know it is working?
16. How often are my follow up scans?
17. When should we re-biopsy and is liquid biopsy an option for me?
18. What are the side effects of my treatment?
19. How are these side effects managed?
20. I want children in my future, should I consider fertility preservation before starting treatment?
21. Will my treatment affect my daily routine?
22. Can I still work during treatment?
23. Can I travel during treatment?
24. Will I need oxygen to fly or if I am traveling to high altitudes?
25. What resources are provided for people with lung cancer?
26. Who is my contact person here for any questions I may have?

