



## **Questions to Ask Your Doctor About Treatment Choices**

1. What are my treatment choices (surgery, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, hormone therapy, targeted therapy)?
2. What treatment do you recommend and why?
3. How long do I have to make a treatment decision?
4. What type of doctor will I see for my treatment(s)?
5. Where will treatment be done?
6. What's the goal of my treatment?
7. Should I get a second opinion? How do I do that?
8. If I need surgery, what do you recommend and why?
9. Will any of my lymph nodes (located under the arm) be removed? Why? What is a sentinel node biopsy?
10. If I choose to have breast reconstruction, what are my options? When should it be done?
11. If I choose not to have breast reconstruction, what are my options?
12. What is a clinical trial? Should I join one?
13. What would we do if the treatment doesn't work or if the cancer comes back?
14. Will I go through menopause as a result of the treatment?
15. Will I be able to have children after treatment? Would I be able to breastfeed?
16. How much will I have to pay for treatment? Will my insurance cover any of it?
17. How long will treatment last? What will it involve?
18. What risks and side effects should I expect?
19. What can I do to reduce the side effects of the treatment?
20. Will I need blood transfusions?
21. How will treatment affect my daily activities?
22. Will I be able to work during treatment?
23. Will I lose my hair? If so, what can I do about it?
24. What should I do to get ready for treatment?
25. Should I change what I eat or make other lifestyle changes?



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26. How will I know if the treatment is working?

27. Will I need special tests, such as imaging scans or blood tests, and how often?