



Questions to Ask Your Doctor When Breast Cancer is Diagnosed

1. What kind of breast cancer do I have?
2. What is the stage of my breast cancer and what does that mean?
3. Were any tests done on my tumor? If so, what were the results (example: hormone receptor status test)? How do these results affect my treatment options?
4. What type of doctors should I see? When should I see them?
5. How can I get a copy of my pathology report?
6. Has the cancer spread to my lymph nodes or other organs?
7. Will my lymph nodes (located under the arm) be removed? Why?
8. What is a sentinel node biopsy? Will I have this done? How accurate is a sentinel lymph node biopsy.
9. What tests will I have before surgery to see if the cancer has spread to any other organs (liver, lungs, bones)? When will the tests be done?
10. What is my prognosis (chance for recovery from treatment)?
11. What are the chances that my cancer will come back- or that I will develop another type of cancer?
12. Should I consider Genetic Testing?
13. How much experience do you have treating this type of cancer?
14. Where can I find a support group?
15. Can you suggest a mental health professional I can see if I start to feel overwhelmed, depressed or distressed?
16. How will this affect my loved ones and family? What resources are available to them?