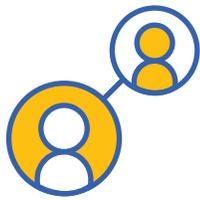


PREPARING FOR YOUR DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT

To help you make the most out of your appointment, a little preparation goes a long way. A lot of complex information may be covered, so it's natural that you may forget to ask some of the questions you have – and leave without getting the answers you need. This tool was designed to help you have more meaningful discussions with your doctor.

Conversation tips



Build a relationship with your doctor.

Let your doctor know that you want to be a partner in your cancer care. This includes being informed of all your treatment options, and making shared decisions.



Ask for clarification.

Be an active participant at each appointment. If you do not understand something, ask for clarity.



Bring someone.

Have a family member or friend with you during your appointment, if possible. They can help with taking notes – or asking a question you may not have thought of.



Write down questions in advance.

To make the most out of your time, bring a list of questions with you to help ensure you get all the answers you need. Below are a few to consider asking about immunotherapy. It may help to print them out and bring them with you. You can take notes in the space next to each question.



QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1 Even if my cancer is advanced, is immunotherapy a treatment option for me?

2 Will immunotherapy be my only treatment? If not, what others will I receive?

3 What are the benefits and risks of immunotherapy?

4 What type of immunotherapy will I receive?

5 What are the chances it will be successful? When will I know?

6 What side effects are possible with treatment, and how long may they last?

7 What can be done to manage any side effects of treatment, and which side effects should I report right away?

8 Will there be any follow-up visits or tests, and how will I be monitored after treatment ends?

9 How will the treatment be given?

10 How often will I receive this treatment? How long does each treatment session take?

11 Where will I receive treatment?

12 Can I still work or continue my usual activities while receiving immunotherapy?

13 Are there any specific things that I should or should not do during or after immunotherapy?

14 Can I be accompanied to my treatments?

15 Are there clinical trials available to me?
