

Questions To Ask Your Child's Oncologist

- 1. Exactly what type of cancer has my child been diagnosed with?
- 2. What stage is my child's cancer in? What does that stage mean? How does this stage affect our options?
- 3. Is there any further diagnostic testing (MRI, CT, PET, bone scan, etc.) that can be performed to better diagnose the extent of my child's cancer?
- 4. Was my child's biopsy analyzed for any specific gene mutation(s)? Can genomic sequencing be performed to more specifically diagnose?
 - o Foundation Medicine Full Panel 315+ Genes
 - o PD-L1 Expression Tumor
 - o Mutational Burden
 - o Microsatellite Instability
 - Lymphocyte Infiltration
- 5. What are the costs to me for this testing?
- 6. What is your recommended treatment strategy? What is the goal of this treatment; Cure or Manage?
- 7. How can we learn more about this type of treatment?
- 8. What risks or short-term and long-term side effects are there for your recommended treatment(s)?
- 9. How is the treatment likely to help my child?
- 10. When/How will we be able to know if it's working?
- 11. How would this treatment affect my child's daily activities school, physical activity, sleep, etc.?
- 12. What is the five-year survival rate for this type of treatment for my child's specific stage and condition?
- 13. Can you put me in contact with someone you've treated with this treatment plan?
- 14. Are there any clinical trials, immunotherapies, or off-label drugs we should consider?
- 15. What cancer center/university is doing the most research on my child's type of cancer? Can you refer us to this cancer/research center for a second opinion?
- 16. Should that cancer/research center offer a treatment plan or clinical trial that you don't offer, would you be willing to collaborate with them for follow-up care?
- 17. What is the average life expectancy for someone with my child's specific stage and condition?
- 18. How do you recommend we share our hopes and expectations with my child and family?





- 19. What should we do to be ready for my child's next phase of treatment?
 - o Could this treatment affect my child's ability to become pregnant or have children? Should we talk to a fertility specialist before beginning treatment?
 - o Do you provide assistance with resources for children/young adults affected by cancer (Navigation services, financial resources, survivorship resources, integrative/alternative medicine resources, etc.) Can you connect me with someone to discuss all the resources available to us?
- 20. What should we do to be ready for the next phase of treatment?

21.	Who is my primary point of contact for questions/concerns/scheduling? How do I contact them?
	Primary Contact Email:
	Primary Contact Phone:
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