

25 Questions to Ask Your Mesothelioma Doctor at Your First Appointment

A mesothelioma cancer diagnosis can feel like a whirlwind of emotions and information. After taking some time to process the diagnosis, patients and their doctors will meet to discuss further. Our printable list has key questions and space for you to write notes. This resource can help you feel empowered and organized in the conversation.

Access the full article here: www.mesothelioma.com/treatment/questions/

01: General Questions for Your Doctor

You may want to ask some general questions about your doctor and their experience before discussing your diagnosis and treatment.

Questions

Answers

1. Who is my main point of contact for future questions?	
2. Will you be the physician treating my mesothelioma?	
3. How much experience and success have you had treating patients with this type of mesothelioma?	
4. Should I get a second opinion about my mesothelioma diagnosis and treatment options?	

02: Questions About Your Mesothelioma Diagnosis

Like all cancers, mesothelioma is an individual and complex diagnosis. You may have questions about your mesothelioma type, stage, symptoms and other diagnostic results.

5. What is important to know about my type of mesothelioma?	
6. How advanced is my mesothelioma and has it spread beyond the primary site (metastasized)?	
7. What does my mesothelioma stage mean for me?	
8. What is my prognosis?	
9. Will I need other tests to ensure my diagnosis is correct and that we're targeting all possible tumors?	

03: Questions About Your Mesothelioma Treatment Plan

A large part of the appointment will likely focus on treatment. Treatment plans take a lot into consideration, so you might have many questions.

10. What treatment options do I have, and which do you recommend first?	
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11. What is the process and timeline for receiving my treatment(s)?	
12. Will I need surgery and, if so, what will the procedure and recovery be like?	
13. What are the benefits and success rates for my mesothelioma treatment plan?	
14. Are there any risks associated with my treatment plan?	
15. What are common side effects of my mesothelioma treatment plan and how can I manage them?	
16. What are the chances my cancer will come back (recur) with my treatment plan?	
17. How should I prepare for my mesothelioma treatment(s)?	
18. Will treatment affect my ability to work or perform other daily activities?	
19. What mesothelioma-related medications will be prescribed for me?	

20. Should I combine any mesothelioma treatments, including complementary therapies?

04: Looking Ahead: Follow-Up Questions

You might find it helpful to discuss the bigger picture of your diagnosis and treatment, too. These questions might cover things like monitoring treatment progress or recommended lifestyle changes.

21. How will you monitor me during treatment to tell if it's working and what kind of post-treatment testing will be performed to ensure it has been successful?

22. Are there any lifestyle changes I should consider to further support myself during this time?

23. What other patient resources, like counseling or support groups, may be available to me?

24. Are there any mesothelioma clinical trials available for me to participate in, and if so, how can I get more information about them?

25. Is there anything else you think would be good for me to know?

05: Additional Notes

With this list of questions, you're one step closer to a productive appointment.

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