

Preparing For Your First Oncology Appointment

Here are some questions to help guide your conversation with your oncology team. Please use the space below to write down the information you receive.

Insurance and medical bills: Who handles questions regarding health insurance in this office? if an insurance claim is denied, who can help me? Who do I speak with to discuss my copayments?

Appointments: How often do I return for visits? Do you have special hours for patients who are not feeling well and may need to be seen inbetween scheduled appointments? Do I call a special number to be seen?

About my testing: What diagnostic tests or procedures will I need? Where do I go to have these tests? Will I have frequent tests to monitor my cancer? Am I able to have tests done closer to home (for patients traveling).

Working during treatment: Can I work during treatment? If intermittent or long-term leave is recommended, who do I submit my FMLA paperwork to?

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Survivorship: Do I need to address fertility? What long term side effects may be expected? What life style changes should I expect? What follow up will I have once my treatment is complete?

About my resources: What support services including social, financial, and education are available for me and my family? Who handles health insurance? Where can I get a second opinion? What are advanced directives?

About my medical care team: Who will oversee my cancer care? Who do I contact for questions? How often will I have appointments with my care team?

My questions for my care team:

My support team's questions for my care team: