

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CANCER CARE TEAM

Every person is different, and your cancer treatment plan is designed especially for you. You can use these questions to help you discuss immune checkpoint inhibitors with your cancer care team.

ABOUT MY TREATMENT

I am being treated for _____

The therapy (or therapies) I am receiving: _____

General Questions

- How are immune checkpoint inhibitors different from chemotherapy?
- How are immune checkpoint inhibitor treatment given? How often? How long will each treatment take? Is a hospital stay required?
- Will I need someone to drive me to and from treatments? Can someone stay with me during my treatment?
- How long does it take for the immune checkpoint inhibitor to work to treat my cancer?
- What tests will I need before and during my immune checkpoint inhibitor treatment?
- How often do I need to see my cancer care team while I am receiving immune checkpoint inhibitor treatment?
- Will I be able to work while I am receiving treatment?
- Will I be able to be around other people while I am receiving treatment?
- Who can I talk to for an estimate of how much each treatment will cost me? What resources are available to help with the cost of treatment?
- Is this treatment FDA approved?

Questions About Other Medications and Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Treatment

- Do I need to take any medications before receiving immune checkpoint inhibitor treatment?
- How will this therapy interact with my other prescription, over-the-counter, and herbal medications? Are there any medicines I should *not* take while I am receiving an immune checkpoint inhibitor?
- Can I get vaccines while I am receiving immune checkpoint inhibitor treatment?

Questions About Side Effects

- What side effects are common? What are some rare side effects I should know about?
- Do I have any risk factors that would put me at a higher risk of side effects from immune checkpoint inhibitor therapy?
- When and who should I contact from my cancer care team about side effects? When should I go to the emergency room?
- If I experience side effects from immune checkpoint inhibitor treatment, what information does my healthcare team need to know?
- Are there medications I need to take while I am receiving immune checkpoint inhibitor treatment to lessen side effects?
- If I do experience a side effect, what will happen to my treatment? Will I have to stop?

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