10 Questions to Ask Your Doctor About Checkpoint Inhibitors for Cancer

Being diagnosed with cancer can feel overwhelming, and understanding your treatment options can make a meaningful difference. Asking questions can help you take an active role in your care, make informed decisions, and feel more prepared for conversations with your health care team.

Here are 10 questions you may want to ask your doctor:

1. Is a checkpoint inhibitor approved or recommended for my cancer subtype and stage?
2. What is the goal of treatment: curing the cancer, lowering the risk that it returns, or controlling it?
3. Which biomarker and genetic tests do I need, and what do my results mean for eligibility and expected benefit?
4. What benefit has this treatment shown in people with cancer like mine?
5. Why are you recommending this checkpoint inhibitor alone or in combination with another treatment?
6. What additional benefits and side effects might come from combination treatment?
7. How often will I receive treatment, and how will we determine whether it is working?
8. Which side effects should I report right away?
9. How could my autoimmune condition, transplant history, other medicines, or pregnancy plans affect treatment?
10. Is there a clinical trial I should consider?



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