

# NEWLY DIAGNOSED? QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR ONCOLOGIST

■ WHAT TYPE OF BREAST CANCER DO I HAVE? IS MY CANCER INVASIVE?

■ HOW BIG IS THE CANCER AND WHERE IS IT LOCATED?

■ HAS MY CANCER SPREAD TO ANY OTHER ORGANS OR MY LYMPH NODES?

■ WHAT IS MY HORMONE RECEPTOR STATUS? WHAT IS MY HER<sub>2</sub> STATUS?

■ HOW QUICKLY IS MY CANCER GROWING? WHAT GRADE IS MY TUMOR?

■ WHAT IS THE STAGE OF THE CANCER AND WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? WHAT GRADE IS MY TUMOR?

■ WILL I NEED TO DO OTHER TESTS BEFORE BEGINNING TREATMENT?

■ IF I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE COSTS AND INSURANCE COVERAGE, WHO CAN HELP ME?

■ HOW MUCH EXPERIENCE DO YOU HAVE TREATING THE TYPE OF CANCER I HAVE?

AM I A CANDIDATE FOR ONCOTYPE DX, OR OTHER DIAGNOSTIC TESTS? SHOULD I THINK ABOUT GENETIC TESTING?

HOW DO YOU DETERMINE THE RECOMMENDED TREATMENT FOR MY CANCER?

WHY DO YOU RECOMMEND THIS COURSE OF TREATMENT, IN THIS ORDER?

DO I NEED TO SEE OTHER MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS? WHY OR WHY NOT? WHO DO YOU RECOMMEND?

WILL MY TEAM OF DOCTORS COMMUNICATE ABOUT MY CASE? IF SO, HOW DO YOU SHARE INFORMATION?

WHAT ARE MY CHANCES OF SURVIVAL, BASED ON MY CANCER RIGHT NOW? HOW LIKELY IS MY CANCER TO RECUR?

HOW DO I GET A COPY OF MY PATHOLOGY REPORT AND OTHER MEDICAL RECORDS?

SHOULD I GET A SECOND OPINION? AND HOW DO I DO SO?

IS A CLINICAL TRIAL APPROPRIATE FOR ME?

WHAT ARE MY GOALS OF TREATMENT? CURE? REMISSION?  
SLOW PROGRESSION?

HOW LONG WILL MY TREATMENT LAST? WHAT WILL THE  
PROCESS BE LIKE? WHERE WILL IT BE DONE?

IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO TO PREPARE FOR  
TREATMENT?

ARE THERE ANY RISKS OF SHORT-TERM SIDE EFFECTS FROM  
THE TREATMENT THAT I SHOULD KNOW ABOUT?

ARE THERE ANY RISKS OF LONG-TERM SIDE EFFECTS FROM  
THE TREATMENT THAT I SHOULD KNOW ABOUT?

HOW WILL TREATMENT AFFECT MY DAILY LIFE? HOW WILL  
THIS TREATMENT AFFECT MY WORK?

WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS IF TREATMENT DOESN'T WORK?

WHAT HAVEN'T I ASKED THAT I NEED TO KNOW?