

Questions to ask about head and neck cancer

Questions to ask after diagnosis

What type of head and neck cancer do I have?

Is it advanced or reoccurring?

Are there support services available?

Who will be leading my treatment plan?

Questions to ask about treatments

What treatments are best for me?

What are the goals of these treatments? Cure, life-extension or symptom relief?

What is the success rate of these treatments?

When does treatment start?

Are there likely to be any side effects? How can I manage these?

Where will the treatments take place?

How long will the treatments last for?

Can I carry on life as usual during treatment?

Are there any clinical trials available?

Questions to ask after treatment

How well did I respond to treatment?

Am I cured? What does the future hold?

What is the follow-up plan?

Are members of my family at higher risk for developing head or neck cancer because of my experience?

Questions to ask about head and neck cancer

Questions to ask about having surgery

What type of surgery will I have?

What will be removed?

How long will the surgery take?

How long will I be in the hospital?

How quickly will I be up and around again?

Does this surgery come with any long-term side effects?

Questions to ask your insurer

Does my policy cover me for unfunded cancer treatment?

Does my policy cover me for my entire course of treatment? If not, which aspects of my treatment am I covered for?

How do I claim?

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