Ewing Family of Tumors - Childhood - Questions to Ask the Doctor

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ON THIS PAGE: You will find some questions to ask your child?s doctor or other members of the health care team to help you better understand your child?s diagnosis, treatment plan, and overall care. To see other pages in this guide, use the colored boxes on the right side of your screen, or click ?Next? at the bottom.

Talking often with the doctor is important [2] to make informed decisions about your child?s health care. These suggested questions are a starting point to help you learn more about your child?s cancer care and treatment. You are also encouraged to ask additional questions that are important to you and your family. You may want to print this list and bring it to your child?s next appointment or download Cancer.Net?s free mobile app [3] for an e-list and other interactive tools to manage your child?s care.

- What type of EFT has been diagnosed?
- Where exactly is the tumor located?
- Can you explain my child?s pathology report (laboratory test results) to me?
- What are the treatment options?
- What clinical trials are open to my child?
- What treatment plan do you recommend? Why?
- What is the goal of each treatment? Is it to eliminate the cancer, help my child feel better, or both?
- What are the potential risks and benefits of each treatment?
- Who will be part of my child?s health care team, and what does each member do?
- Who will be coordinating my child?s overall treatment and follow-up care?
- Does this center specialize in the treatment of children, adolescents, and young adults with cancer?
- What chemotherapy will my child receive? How long and how frequently?
- Will my child receive radiation therapy?
- How can I best prepare my child for each treatment?
- If needed, what types of rehabilitative services are available?
- How long will my child need to stay in the hospital?
- What are the possible side effects of my child?s treatment plan, both in the short term and the long term?
- How will treatment affect my child?s daily life? Will he or she be able to go to school and perform his or her usual activities?
- Could this treatment affect my child?s ability to become pregnant or have children in the future? If so, should my family talk with a fertility specialist before treatment begins?
- If I?m worried about managing the costs related to my child?s medical care, who can help me with these concerns?
- What follow-up tests will my child need, and how often will he or she need them?
- What support services are available to my child? To my family?
- Whom should I call for questions or problems?

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